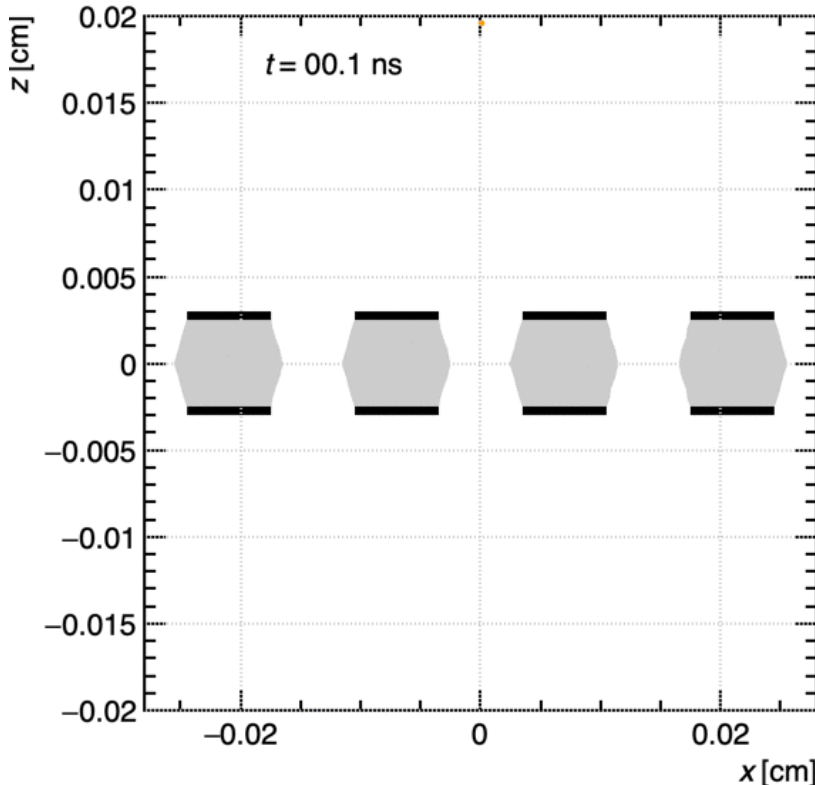
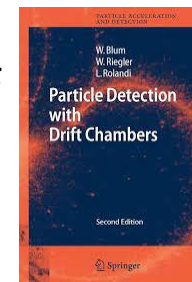


# Signal Induction



- Starting from an avalanche in a MPGD - or more general – a Gaseous Detector
- How is the signal induced in the readout electrodes?

- *Nota Bene:* Signal induction not correctly treated in many textbooks
- This lecture is a summary of a series of lectures given by W.Riegler
  - I will give you an “introduction” – *the basics “ma non troppo”*
  - Interested persons can *dive deeper in references provided*

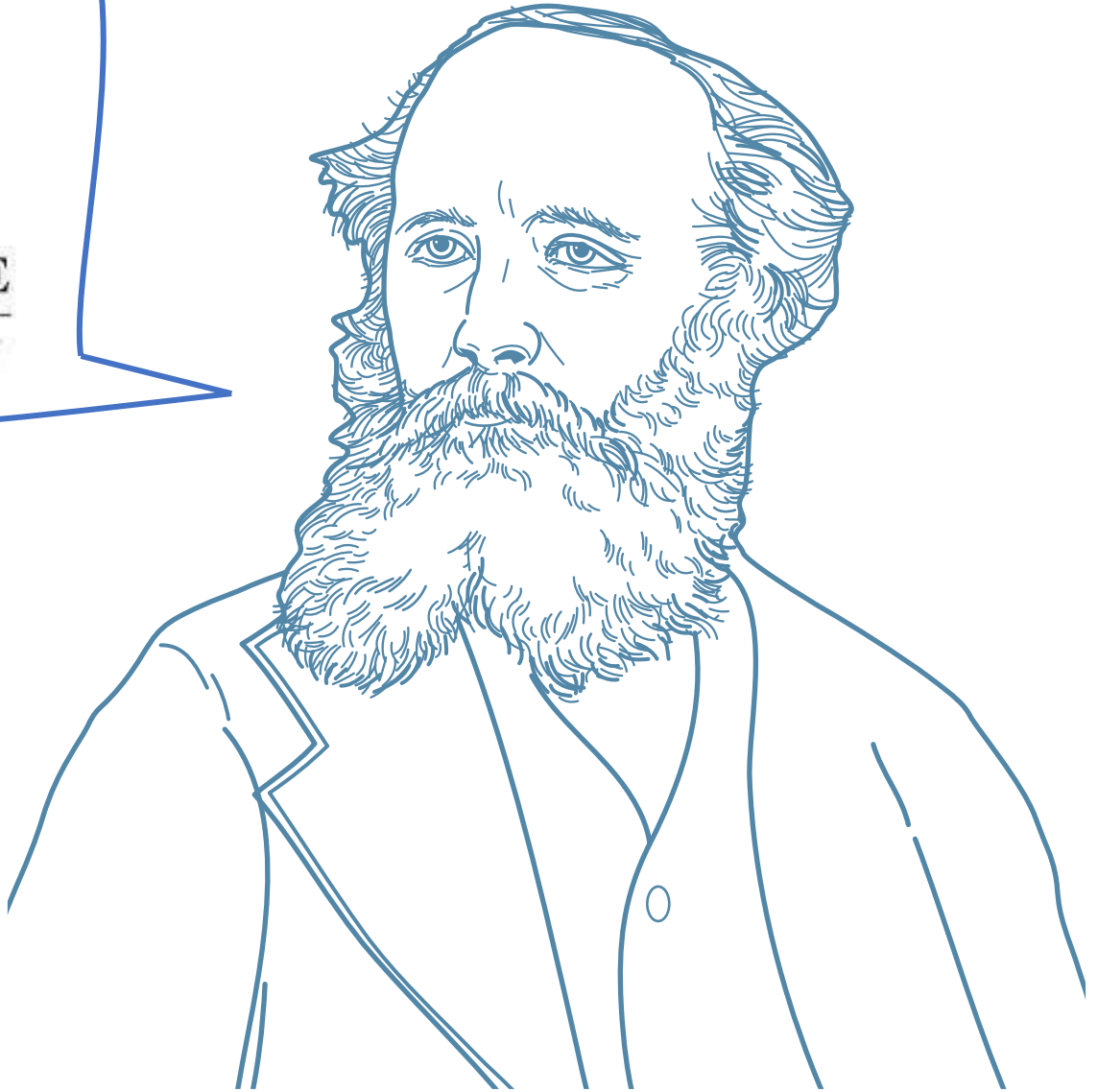


$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

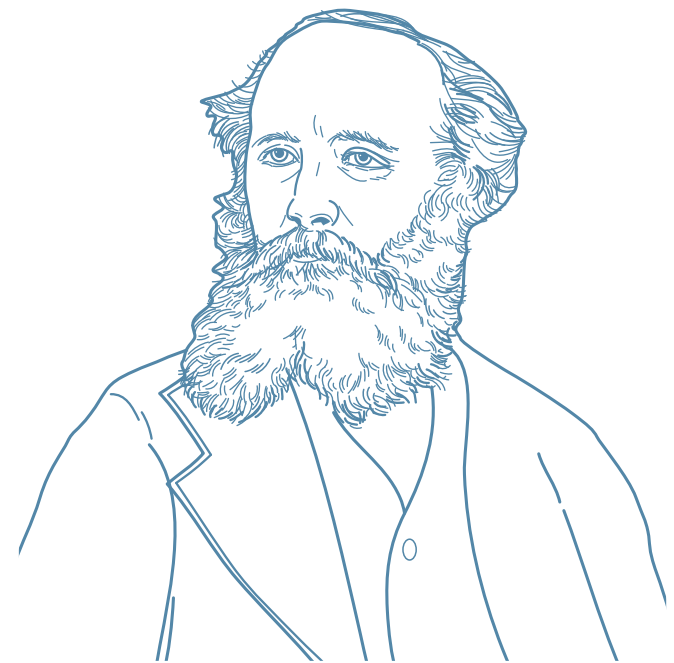
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$



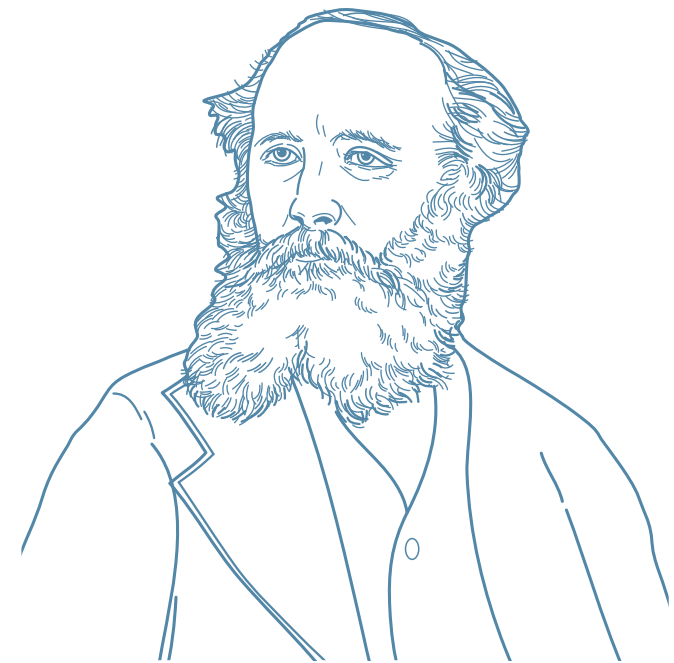
$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0 \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{B} &= \mu_0 \mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}\end{aligned}$$



?

Can you simplify that

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4\mu_0} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - A_\mu J^\mu$$



# I. Electrostatics

... let us first assume a charge at rest ...

- **Gauss' Law:**

assume point-charge  $q$  and a volume  $V$  with closed surface  $S$   
 $\Rightarrow$  obtain Electric field  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x})$  given charge distribution  $\rho(\mathbf{x})$

$$\oint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, da = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho(\mathbf{x}) \, d^3x$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho/\epsilon_0$$

- **Generalized Coulomb's Law:**

the vector field  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x})$  is derived from a scalar potential  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$

- $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  is arbitrarily defined
- Physical interpretation: work done on charge  $q$  moving it from A to B:  
 $W_{AB} = q\phi(\mathbf{x}_B) - q\phi(\mathbf{x}_A)$

assumption  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\Phi$$

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \, d^3x'$$

- **Poisson Equation:**

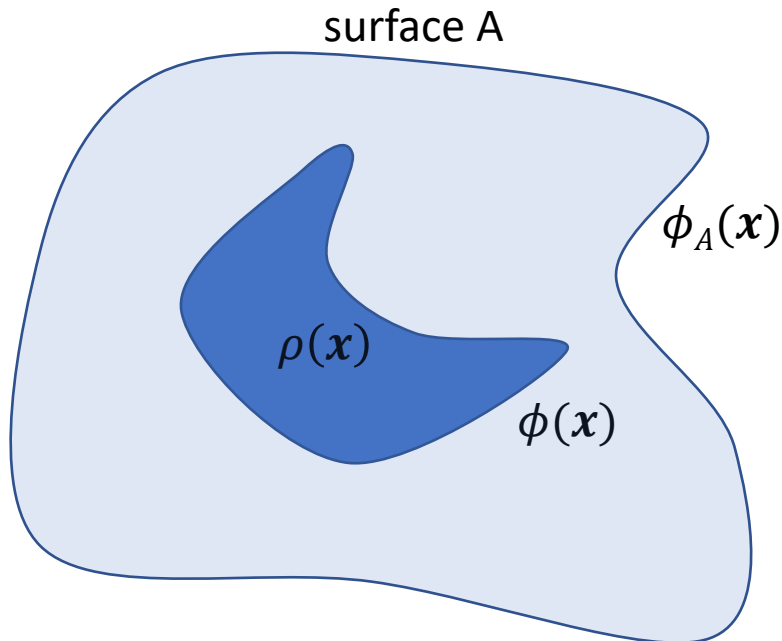
combining  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho/\epsilon_0$  and  $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\Phi$   
 solution of Poisson equation is unique

$$\nabla^2\Phi = -\rho/\epsilon_0$$

- **Laplace Equation:** when  $\rho(\mathbf{x}) = 0$

$$\nabla^2\Phi = 0$$

# I. Electrostatics



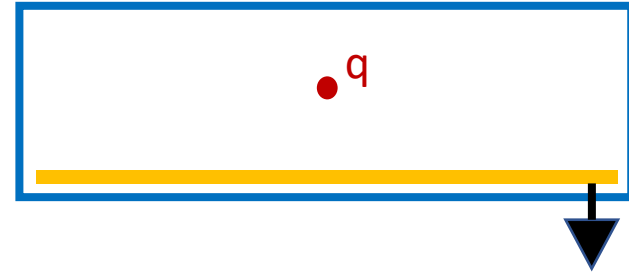
- Given charge distribution  $\rho(\mathbf{x})$
- Potential on the surface:  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ 
  - $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d\mathbf{x}'$
- On another surface A:  $\phi_A(\mathbf{x})$
- One can prove that if there are 2 solutions,  $\phi_1(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\phi_2(\mathbf{x})$ , of the same Poisson equation, then the solutions are equal:  $\phi_1(\mathbf{x}) = \phi_2(\mathbf{x})$  (**uniqueness**)

Defining the potential  $\phi_A(\mathbf{x})$  on the entire (closed) surface therefore uniquely defines the electric field in the volume enclosed by the closed surface

# I. Electrostatics

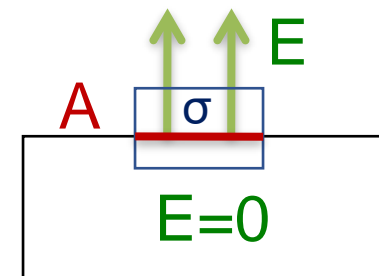
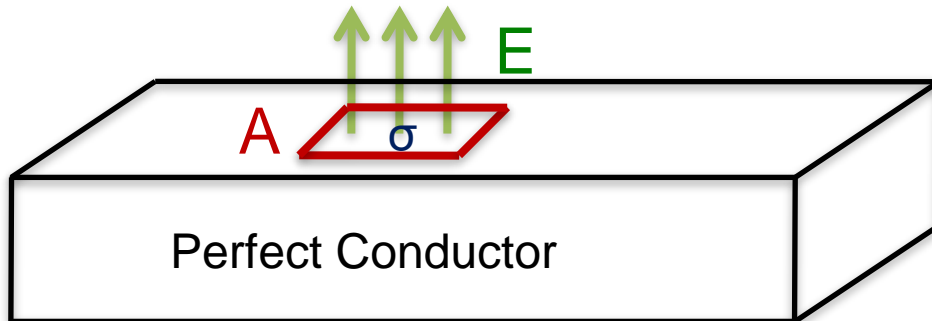
- **Given:**
  - Charge distribution  $\rho(x)$  in detector
  - Readout Electrode = Perfect Conductor
- **We know:**
  - $\rho(x)$  induces an Electric Field  $E(x)$
  - Perfect Conductor:
    - Inside conductor  $E(x) = \mathbf{0}$
    - *Field lines are perpendicular to surface*
- **We can calculate:**
  - Electric field on boundary of conductor
  - Surface charge density  $\sigma(x)$  conductor
  - $\sigma(x) = \epsilon_0 E(x)$

detector

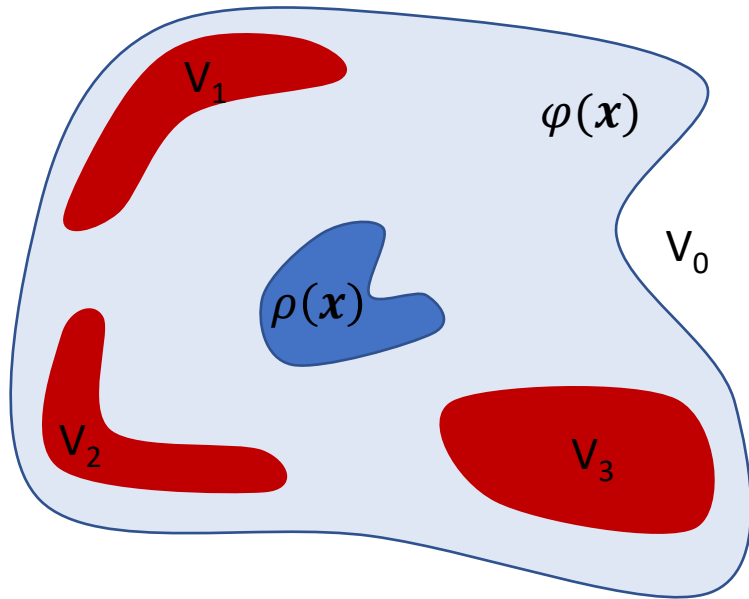


$$\oint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, da = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho(\mathbf{x}) \, d^3x$$

$$EA = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sigma A \Rightarrow \sigma = \epsilon_0 E$$



# II. Induced Charge on metal electrode



- Imagine a volume  $V_0$ , with a charge density  $\rho(x)$  and some electrodes 1,2,3
- Poisson equation:  $\nabla^2\varphi = -\rho/\epsilon_0$
- Potential on each of the surface boundaries:
  - $\varphi(x)|_i = V_i$
- Charge on electrode:

$$Q_i = -\epsilon_0 \oint_{A_i} \nabla\varphi(x) dA$$

## Superposition:

$\psi_i$  are the weighting potentials of the electrodes

$E_i = -\nabla\psi_i$   
are the  
weighting  
fields of the  
electrodes

$$\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = \varphi_0(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{V_n}{V_w} \psi_n(\mathbf{x})$$

# III. Induced Charge on infinite plate

A point charge  $q$  at a distance  $y'$  above a grounded metal plate induces a surface charge  $Q$  (with density  $\sigma(x)$ )

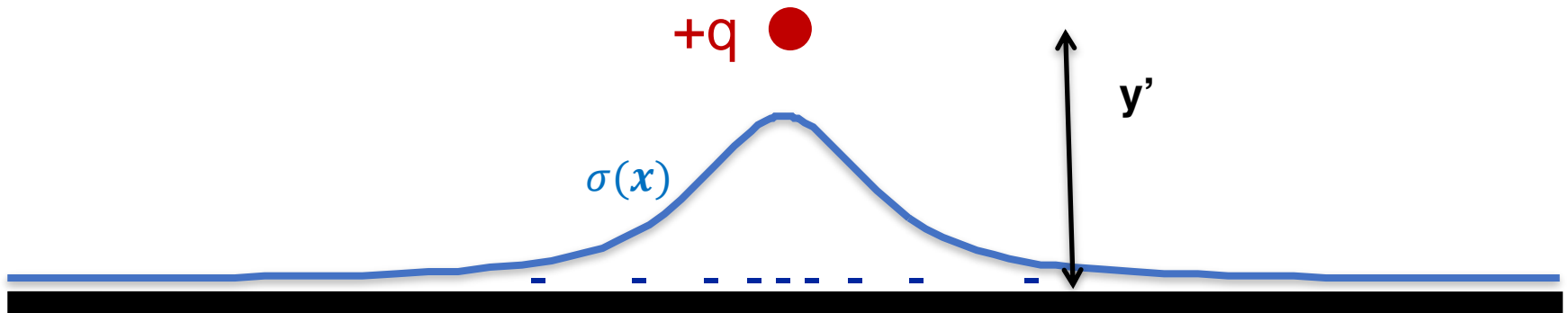
To do: *find charge  $Q$  induced on the electrode*

- 1) Solve Poisson equation with boundary condition  $\varphi = 0$  on conductor surface

$$\nabla^2 \varphi = -\rho/\epsilon_0 \quad \& \quad \varphi(x)|_{\text{conductor}} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \varphi(x)$$

- 2) Calculate the electric field  $E$  on the surface of the conductor:  $E(x) = -\nabla\varphi(x)$

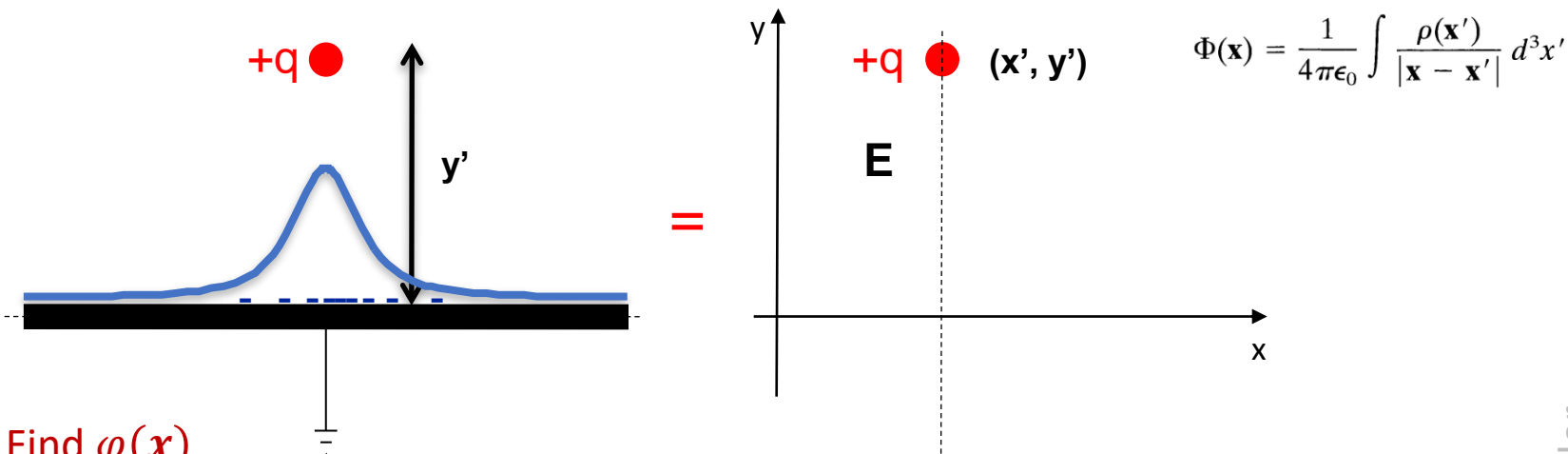
- 3) Integrate over the electrode surface:  $Q = \int \sigma(x)dA = \epsilon_0 \int E(x)dA$





# III. Induced Charge on infinite plate

- Solution for field of Point Charge above metal plate (left) is equal to solution for the charge & mirror charge (right)



## 1<sup>st</sup> Step: Find $\varphi(x)$

- Superposition:  $\varphi_{tot}(x) = \varphi_1(x) + \varphi_2(x)$
- Coulomb:  $E(Q, r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q}{r^2}$  and  $E(x) = -\nabla\varphi(x)$

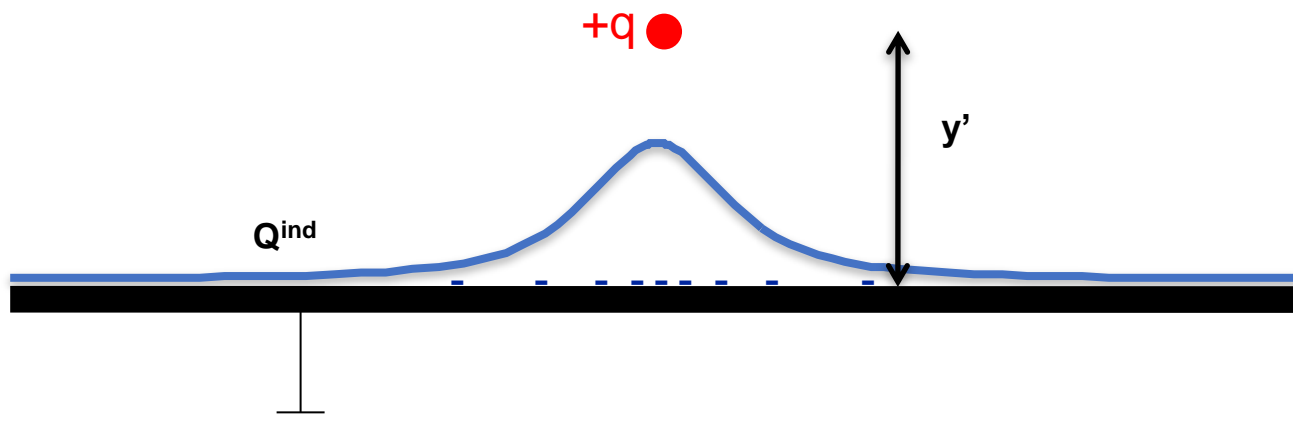
$$\varphi(x, y, z) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2 + (z-z')^2}} - \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x-x')^2 + (y+y')^2 + (z-z')^2}}$$

# III. Induced Charge on infinite plate

- 2<sup>nd</sup> step  $E(\mathbf{x}) = -\nabla\varphi(\mathbf{x})$
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> step  $\sigma(\mathbf{x}) = \epsilon_0 E(\mathbf{x})$
- $$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{• 2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ step } E(\mathbf{x}) = -\nabla\varphi(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{• 3}^{\text{rd}} \text{ step } \sigma(\mathbf{x}) = \epsilon_0 E(\mathbf{x}) \end{array} \right\} \sigma(\mathbf{x}) = -\epsilon_0 \nabla\varphi(\mathbf{x})$$
- **Surface Charge Density  $\sigma(\mathbf{x})$**  on metallic plate ( $y = 0$ ):

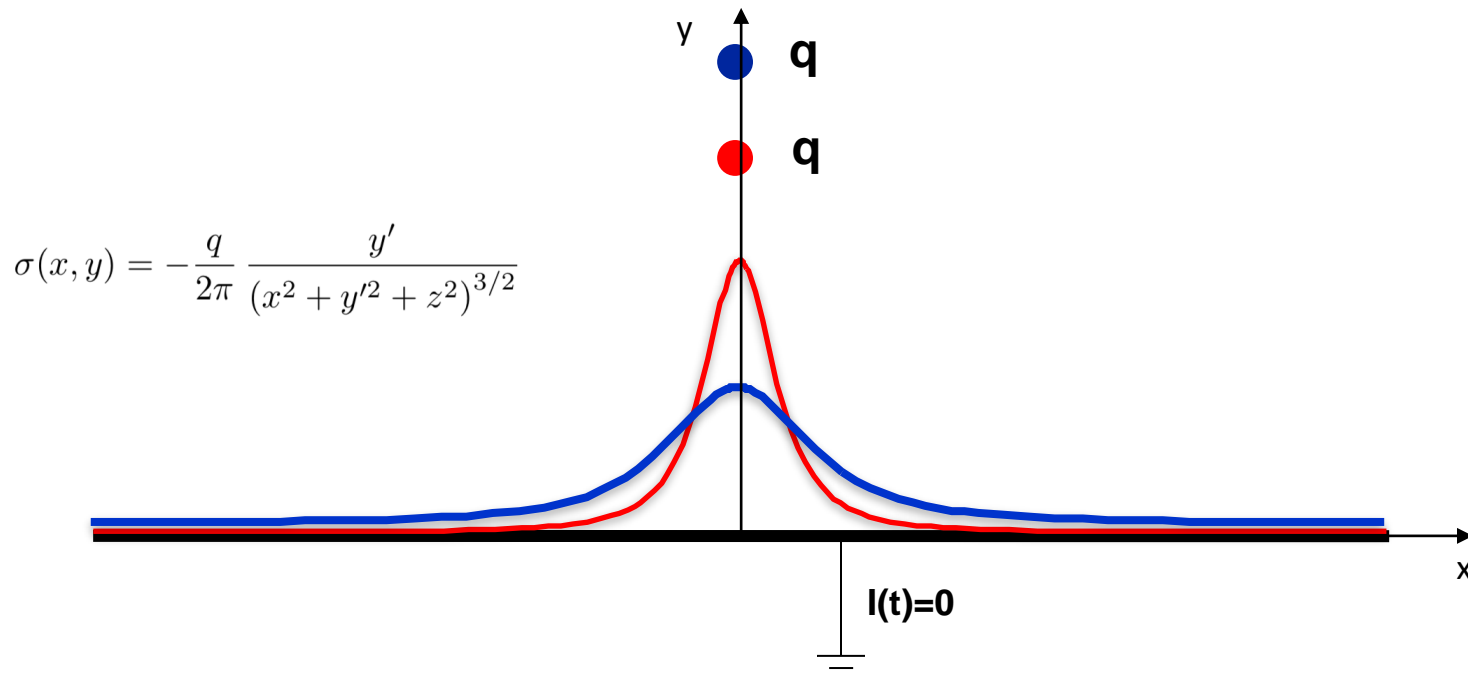
$$\sigma(x, y) = -\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0} = -\frac{q}{2\pi} \frac{y'}{((x-x')^2 + y'^2 + (z-z')^2)^{3/2}}$$

- **Induced Charge  $Q(\mathbf{x})$ :**  $Q^{ind} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma(x, y) dx dy = -q$
- **Important:** Total charge induced by a point charge  $q$  on an infinitely large grounded metal plate is equal to  $-q$ , independent of the distance of the charge from the plate
  - However, charge density depends on distance  $z$



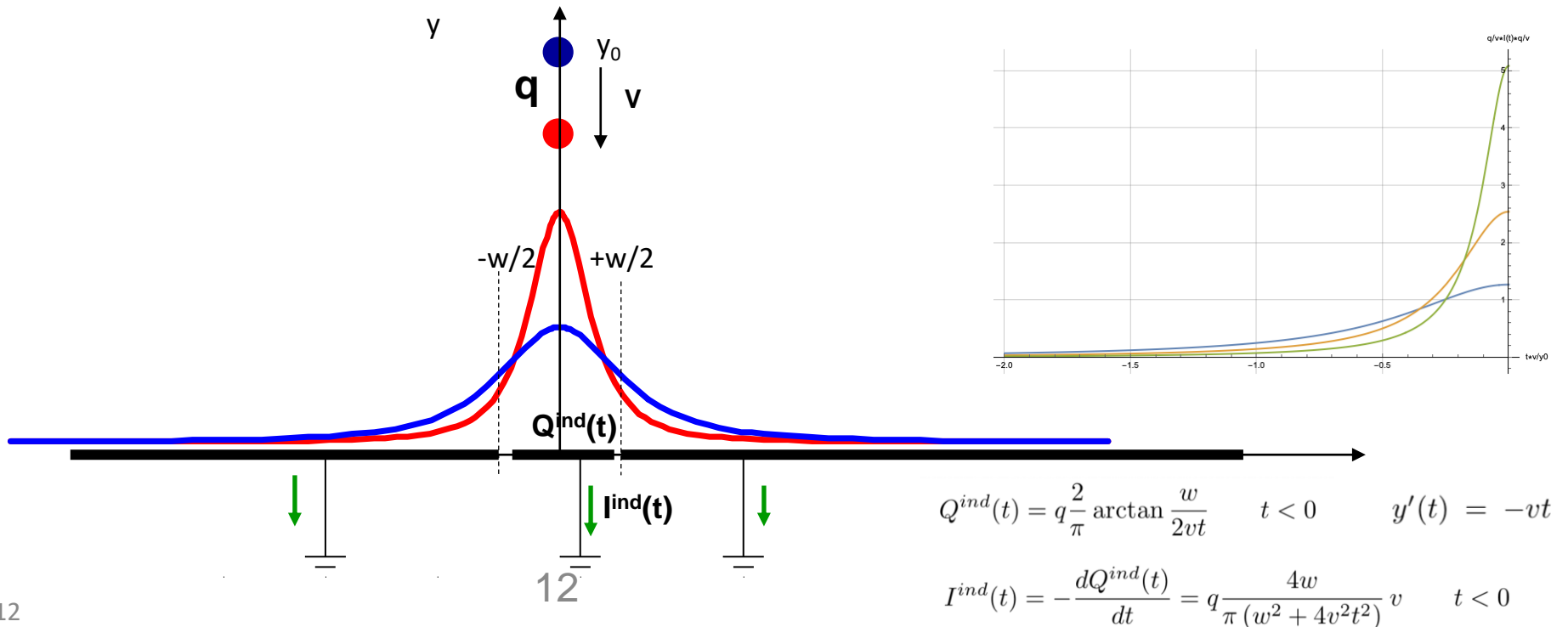
# III. Induced Charge on infinite plate

- Moving charge from **point far away** to **point closer** to metal plate, the surface charge density becomes more peaked
- Total induced charge always equal to  $-q$
- Charge is rearranged on surface – no current flowing to GND



# III. Induced Charge on Strip Electrode

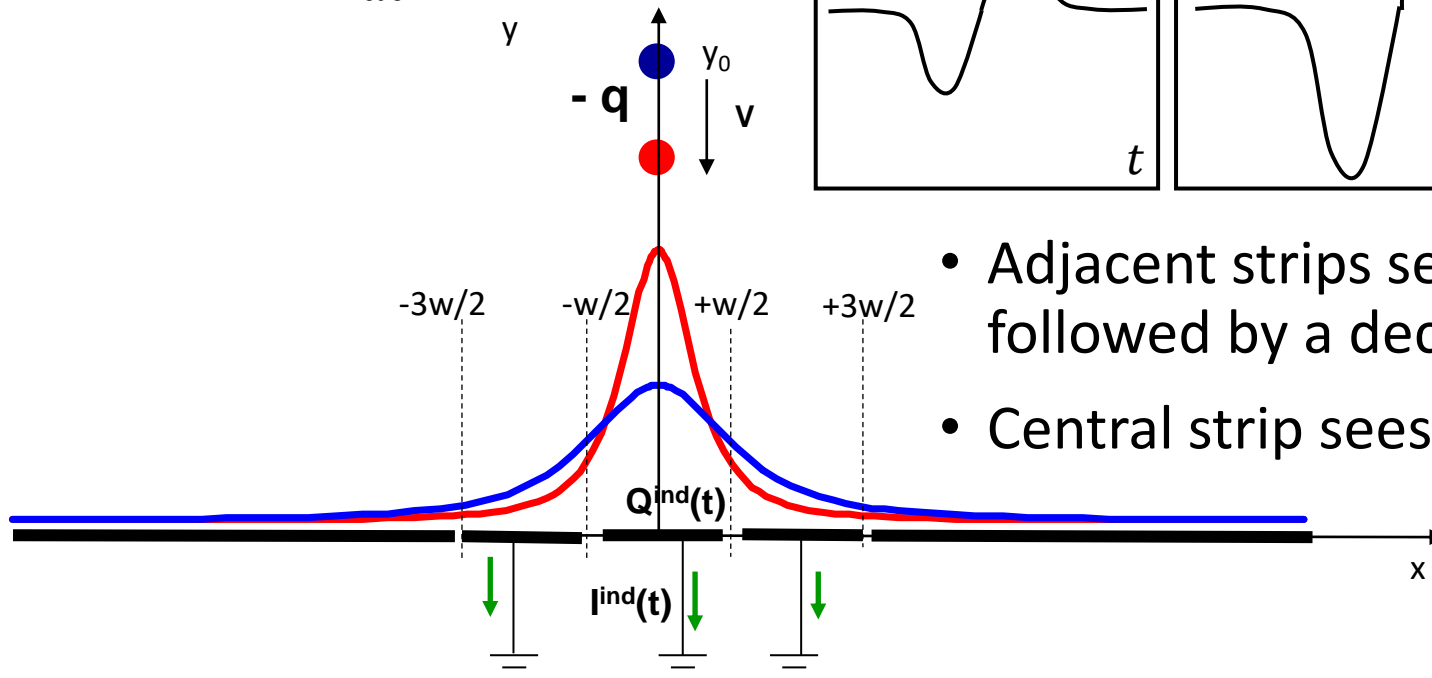
- Now segment the grounded metal plate & ground individual strips
- Surface charge density  $\sigma(x)$  does not change
- Induced charge on strips now depends on position
- If charge now moves currents are induced - sum  $\sum I = 0$



# III. Induced Charge on Strip Electrode

- Signal pulses in adjacent electrodes
- Assuming a negative charge now 😊

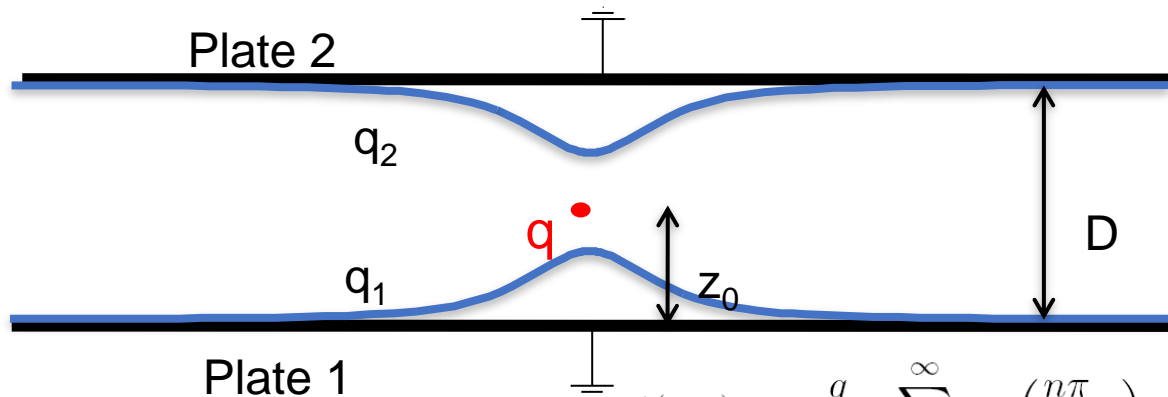
$$I^{ind}(t) = \frac{dQ^{ind}(t)}{dt}$$



- Adjacent strips see first increase followed by a decrease in  $\sigma(x)$
- Central strip sees increase until

# III. Induced Charge on Parallel Plates

- Calculation of Potentials  $\varphi(\mathbf{x})$  becomes rapidly complicated



$$\phi(r, z) = \frac{q}{\varepsilon_0 \pi D} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{D} z\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{D} z_0\right) K_0\left(\frac{n\pi}{D} r\right)$$

$$E(r, z) = \frac{q}{\varepsilon_0 \pi D} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n\pi}{D} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{D} z\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{D} z_0\right) K_0\left(\frac{n\pi}{D} r\right)$$

$$\sigma_1(r) = \varepsilon_0 E(r, z=0) = \frac{q}{\pi D} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n\pi}{D} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{D} z_0\right) K_0\left(\frac{n\pi}{D} r\right)$$

$$q_1 = \int_0^{\infty} 2r\pi\sigma(r)dr = \frac{q}{\pi D} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n\pi}{D} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{D} z_0\right) \int_0^{\infty} 2r\pi K_0\left(\frac{n\pi}{D} r\right) dr = \frac{2q}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{D} z_0\right) =$$

$$= -q \left(1 - \frac{z_0}{D}\right) \quad q_2 = \dots = -q \frac{z_0}{D} \quad q_1 + q_2 = -q$$

- Geometry looks “simple”
- Potentials are “complicated”
- But formula for induced charge is much simpler
- Is there an easier way to calculate the signals?

# IV. Reciprocity Theorem

- Assume Two arbitrary charge distributions  $\rho(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\bar{\rho}(\mathbf{x})$ :

$\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3 x'$

$\bar{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) = \int \frac{\bar{\rho}(\mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3 x'$

- Then:

$$W = \int \bar{\rho}(\mathbf{x}) \varphi(\mathbf{x}) d^3 x = \int \int \frac{\bar{\rho}(\mathbf{x}) \rho(\mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3 x d^3 x' = \int \rho(\mathbf{x}') \bar{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}') d^3 x'$$

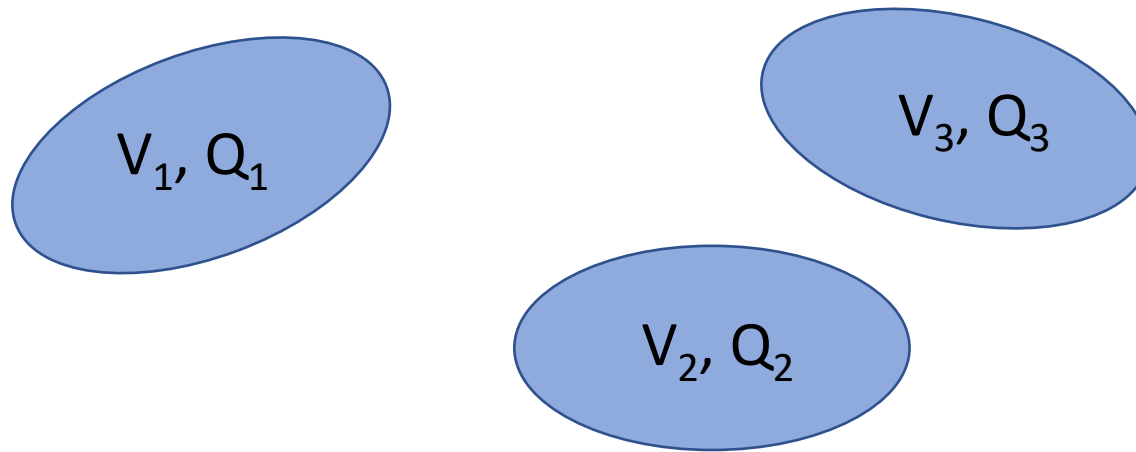
- Or:

$$\int \bar{\rho}(\mathbf{x}) \varphi(\mathbf{x}) d^3 x = \int \rho(\mathbf{x}) \bar{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) d^3 x$$

Reciprocity Theorem

- Interpretation: Work needed to move one charge distribution in field of other charge distribution

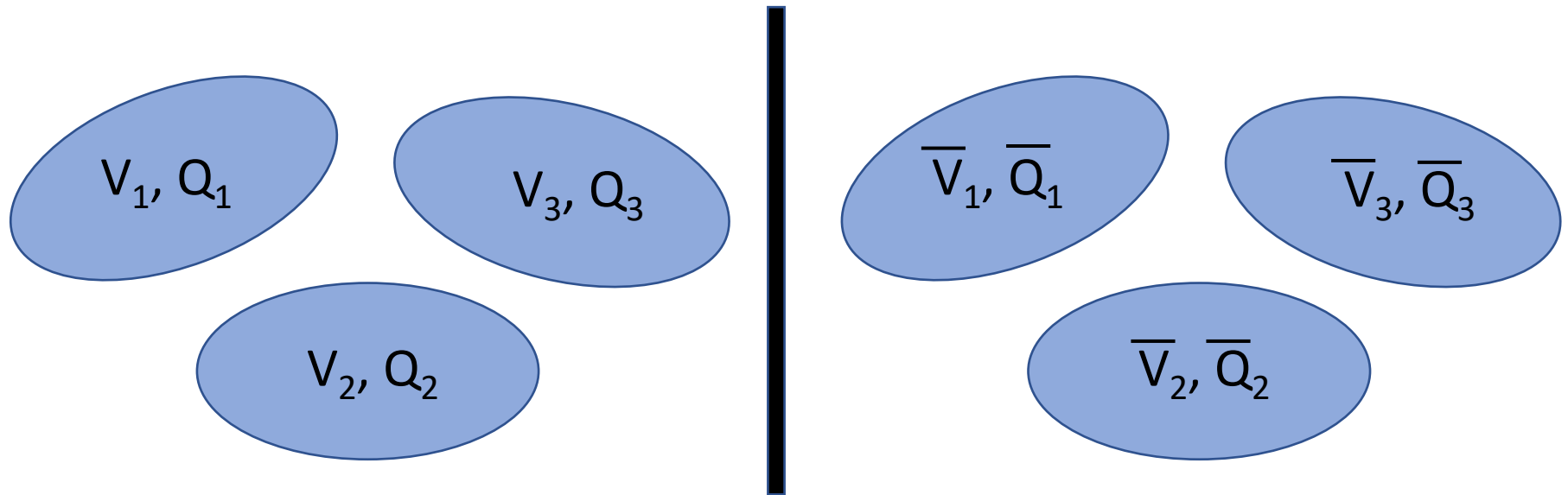
# IV. Reciprocity Theorem



- Assume three electrodes with potentials  $V_1, V_2, V_3$ .
- The potentials will result in charges  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3$ .
- Assume no external charge distribution. To find  $Q_i$  we solve the Laplace equation  $\Delta\varphi = 0$  with boundary conditions  $\varphi = V_i$  on electrode surface
- We can then calculate:  $Q_i = -\epsilon_0 \oint_{A_i} \nabla\varphi(\mathbf{x})dA$



# IV. Reciprocity Theorem



- Assume now two electric states
- Reciprocity Theorem states:  $\sum Q_i \bar{V}_i = \sum \bar{Q}_i V_i$
- Let's use this to calculate our signals!

Discrete version

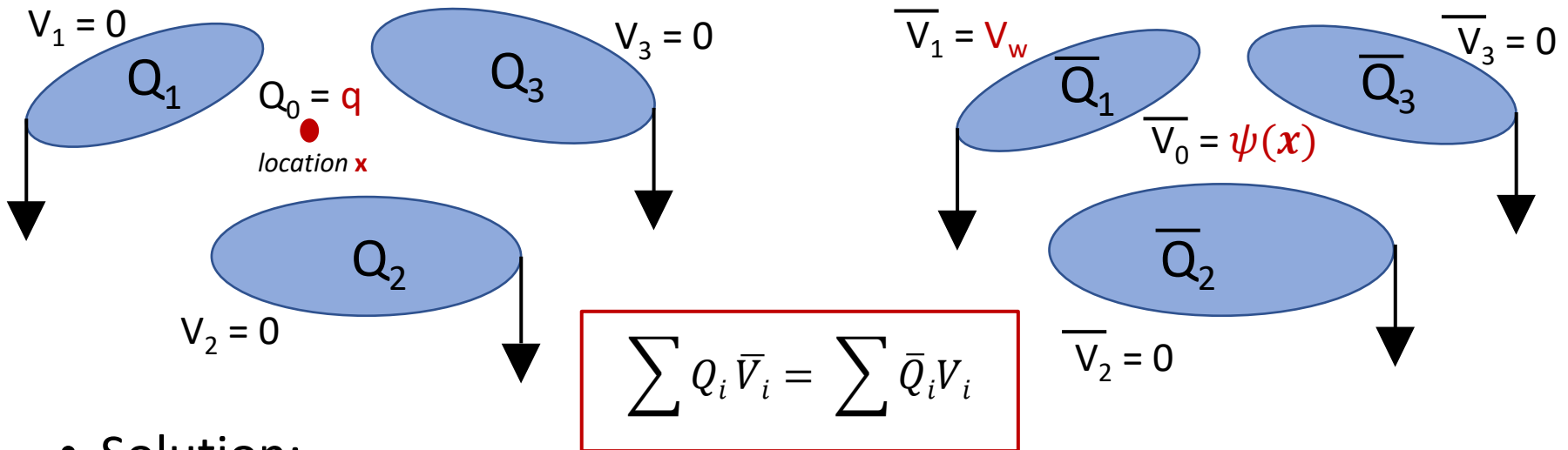
$$\int \bar{\rho}(\mathbf{x}) \varphi(\mathbf{x}) d^3x = \int \rho(\mathbf{x}) \bar{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) d^3x$$

# IV. Reciprocity Theorem

- Our problem: *Three grounded electrodes with a point charge*
  - ??? What are the charges induced on the grounded electrodes ???

## • Approach:

- Treat point charge  $q$  as 4<sup>th</sup> electrode with  $Q_0 = q$  and  $V_0$
- Assume another set of voltages and charges, where we remove the point charge (set it zero) and put one electrode to voltage  $V_w$



## • Solution:

- Use **reciprocity theorem**:  $q\bar{V}_0 + Q_1V_w = 0 \Rightarrow Q_1 = -q \frac{\psi(x)}{V_w}$
- Calculate weighting potential  $\psi(x)$  by removing charge & set electrode 1 to  $V_w$
- Voltages  $V_i$  & charges  $Q_i$  are related through **capacitance matrix**  $Q_i = \sum_j c_{ij}V_j$

# IV. Reciprocity Theorem

- The charge induced by a point charge  $q$  on a grounded conducting electrode can be calculated in the following way:
  1. Remove point charge  $q$  and put the electrode on potential  $V_w$  and all other electrodes on ground potential (0)
  2. Calculate the weighting potential  $\psi(\mathbf{x})$  of this configuration
  3. Induced charge is now calculated as  $Q_{ind} = -\frac{q}{V_w} \psi(\mathbf{x})$
- This way we do not need to solve the Poisson Equation for a point charge, but we solve the Laplace equation
  - Solve a 2D Laplace equation instead of 3D Poisson equation
  - Numerically more stable
  - Simplify by  $\psi(\mathbf{x})$  for simple  $V_w = 1$ :  $Q_{ind} = -q \psi(\mathbf{x})$
  - Moving charge with trajectory  $\mathbf{x}(t)$ :  $Q_{ind}(t) = -q \psi(\mathbf{x}(t))$
- This is the Ramo-Shockley Theorem:
  - $I_{ind} = \frac{dQ_{ind}(\mathbf{x}(t))}{dt} = \frac{q}{V_w} \nabla \psi(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = -q \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{E}$  *(with  $E$  the weighting field)*

# IV. Ramo-Shockley Theorem Reciprocity theorem

## Currents to Conductors Induced by a Moving Point Charge

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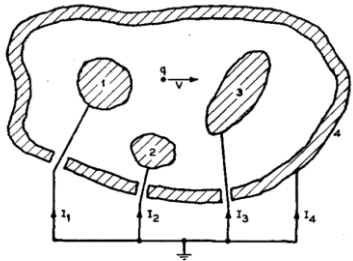
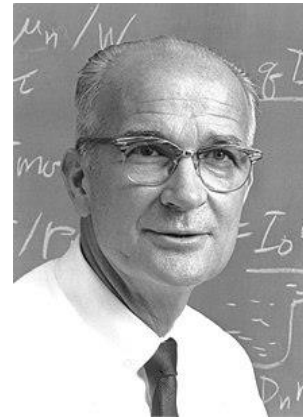


FIG. 1. Schematic representation of conductors and currents.

General expressions are derived for the currents which flow in the external circuit connecting a system of conductors when a point charge is moving among the conductors. The results are applied to obtain explicit expressions for several cases of practical interest.



William Shockley

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## Currents Induced by Electron Motion\*

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**Summary**—A method is given for computing the instantaneous current induced in neighboring conductors by a given specified motion of electrons. The method is based on the repeated use of a simple equation giving the current due to a single electron's movement and is believed to be simpler than methods previously described.

### METHOD OF COMPUTATION

The method is based on the following equation, whose derivation is given later:



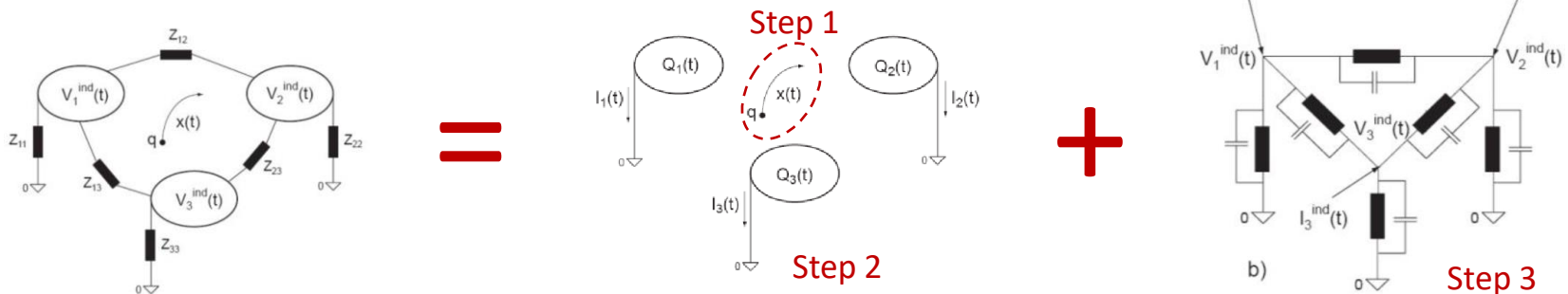
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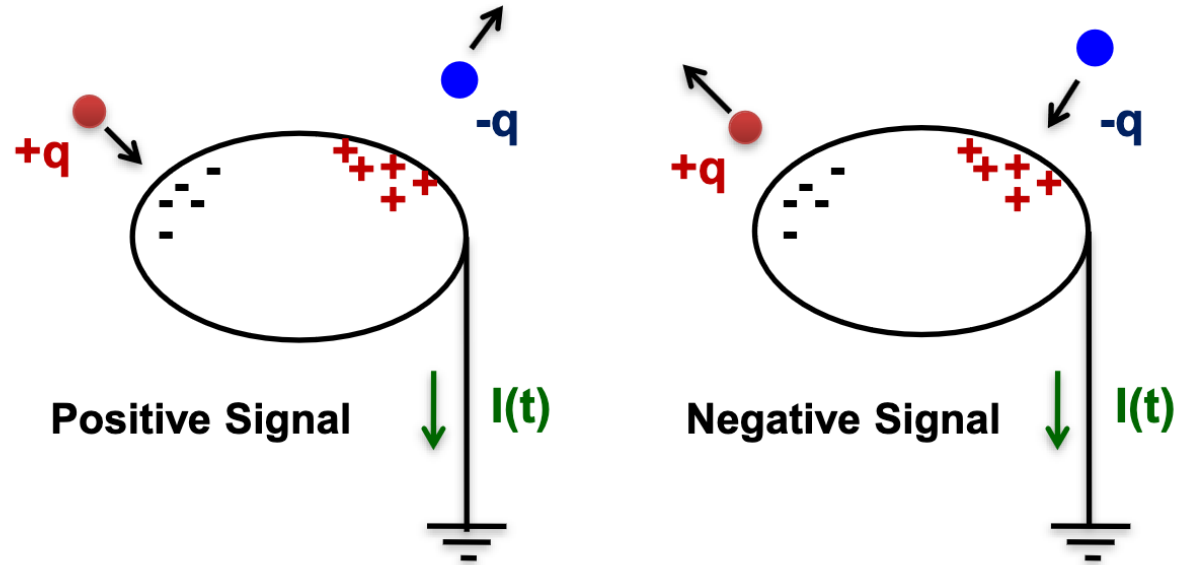
# V. Recipe for Simulation

- We now have a recipe to calculate induced signals
  - *And that is exactly what we need to simulate signals!*
- In 3 steps:
  1. Calculate the particle trajectory in the real electric field
    - OK: Avalanche simulation inside our detector (e.g. Garfield++)
  2. Connect all electrodes to ground and calculate the currents induced by the moving charge on those electrodes
    - Requires the calculation of weighting fields
      - Remove the charge; put 1 electrode to 1V and other electrodes to GND
      - Result is weighting field for that electrode you put to 1V
      - To be repeated for each readout electrode (e.g. strip/pixel) in your geo
    - OK: done with Finite Element Method or Boundary Element Method
  3. Feed currents into network simulator (e.g. spice) or apply Transfer-function (e.g. Garfield++)
    - Takes into account capacitive couplings between electrodes
    - Takes into account front-end electronics

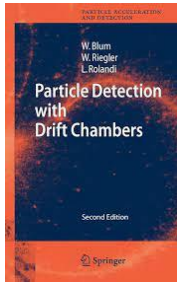


# V. Generalities: Signal Polarity

$$I(t) = -\frac{dQ(t)}{dt}$$



- A positive charge moving towards the electrode
  - attracts negative Q moving from GND to electrode => Positive signal,  $I_{ind} > 0$
- A negative charge moving towards the electrode
  - Attracts positive Q moving from GND to electrode => Negative signal,  $I_{ind} < 0$
- Likewise for Q moving away from electrode => *they also induce signal!*



# V. Generalities: Theorems

- Consequences for the Induced Charges and Currents:

1. *The charge induced on an electrode for a charge that have been moved from point  $x_0$  to point  $x_1$  is:*

$$Q_{ind} = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} I_{ind}(t) dt = -\frac{q}{V_w} \int_{t_0}^{t_1} E(\mathbf{x}(t)) \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) dt = \frac{q}{V_w} [\psi(\mathbf{x}_1) - \psi(\mathbf{x}_0)]$$

and is independent on the actual path

2. *Once all charges have arrived at the electrodes, then the total induced charge in the electrodes is equal to the charge that has arrived at this electrode*
  - *Consequence: once all charges have arrived at the electrode => Induced current is zero*
  - *Consequence: current signals on electrodes that do not receive any charge => strictly bipolar*
3. *In case there is one electrode enclosing all other electrodes, the sum of all induced currents is zero at any time*

# VI. Examples

## Parallel Plate Avalanche Counter (PPAC) - I

- **Simple geometry - many applications**

- Electron-ion pair in gas (parallel-plate)
- Electron-hole pair in liquid (e.g. Liquid Ar)
- Electron-ion pair in solid (e.g. silicon strip)

- **Weighting Fields:**

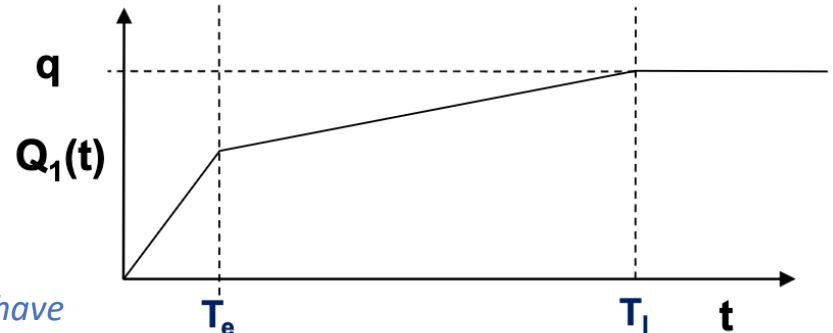
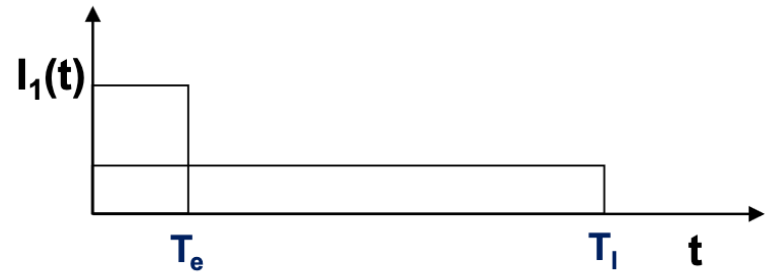
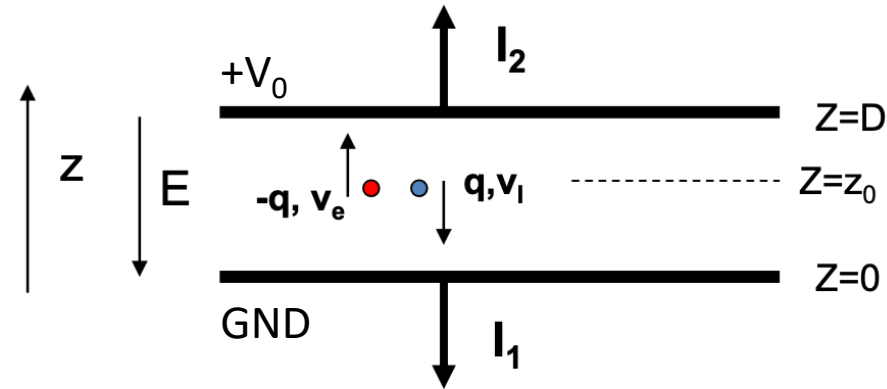
- Electrode 1:  $E_1 = \frac{V_0}{D}$
- Electrode 2:  $E_2 = -\frac{V_0}{D} \frac{z}{z_0}$

- **Induced Currents:**

- Elec 1:  $I_1 = -\frac{-q V_0}{V_0 D} v_e - \frac{+q V_0}{V_0 D} (-vi)$
- Elec 2:  $I_2 = -\frac{-q -V_0}{V_0 D} v_e - \frac{+q -V_0}{V_0 D} (-vi) = -I_1$

- **Induced Charges:**

- Elec 1:  $Q_1 = \frac{q}{D} v_e t_e + \frac{q}{D} v_i t_i = \underbrace{q \frac{D-z_0}{D}}_{q_e^{ind}} + \underbrace{q \frac{z_0}{D}}_{q_i^{ind}} = q$
- Elec 2:  $Q_2 = -q$



Total Induced charge on a given electrode, once all charges have arrived is equal to the charge that has arrived at this electrode

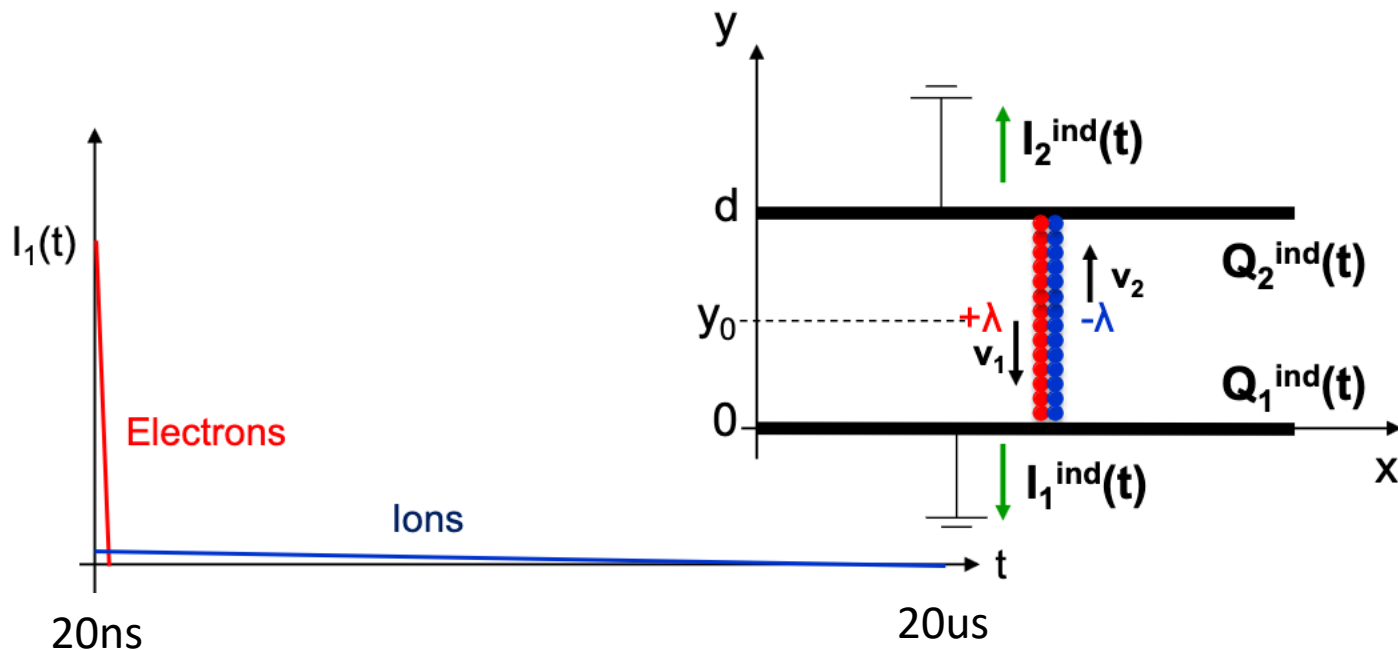


# VI. Examples

## Parallel Plate Avalanche Counter (PPAC) - II

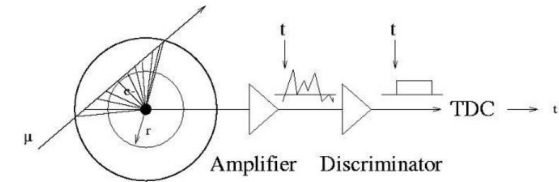
- **Often not a single energy deposit**

- *E.g. Ionization along the trail of a passing MIP*
- *Cluster density of  $\lambda / \text{mm}$*
- *1-few mm gap,  $v_e = \sim 50 \mu\text{m}/\text{ns}$ ,  $v_i = \sim 0.05 \mu\text{m}/\text{ns}$*



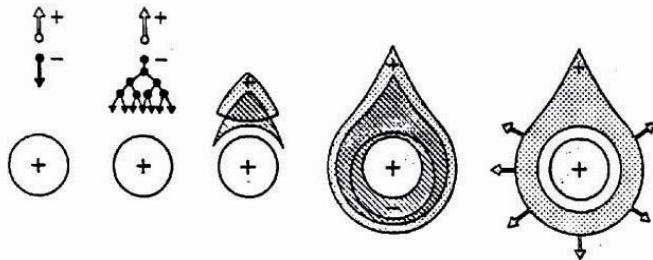
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## Signal in Wire Chambers – Drift Tubes



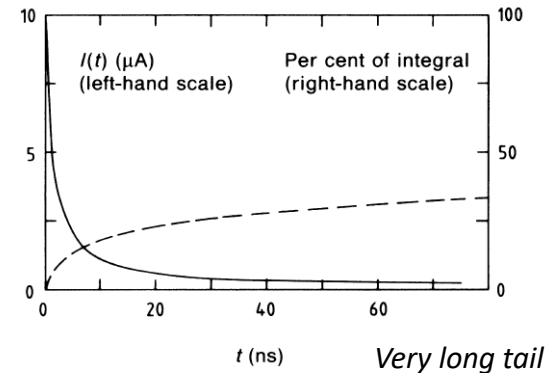
- Many textbooks provide (correctly) the electric field:  $E(r) = \frac{V}{r \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)}$

- a = Wire radius (10, 25 or 50um)
- b = Tube radius (1-3cm)
- V = positive voltage applied to wire



*Electron avalanche very close to the wire. First multiplication only at  $r = 2a$*

*Current signal for  $t_0 = 1.25ns$ ,  $b/a = 500$  and  $q = 10^6 e$*



- Say  $G = 10^4$ , then  $10^4$  electrons arrive to the wire within 1ns and do not move
- *Ions close to the wire have opposite charge => in begin zero charge induced*
- *Only once ions move away from the wire the signal is induced*
  - Signal can take up to 100us

Weighting field:  $E_w(r) = \frac{V_w}{r \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)}$  Ion trajectory:  $r(t) = a\sqrt{1 + 1/t_0}$   $t_0 = \frac{a^2 \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)}{2\mu V}$

Induced signal:  $I_{ind}(t) = -\frac{N_{tot} e}{V_w} E(r(t)) \dot{r}(t) = -\frac{N_{tot} e}{2 \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)} \frac{1}{t+t_0}$   $t_{max} = t_0 \left( \frac{b^2}{a^2} - 1 \right)$

ATLAS MDTs:  $V=3500V$ ,  $a = 25\mu m$ ,  $b = 1.46cm$ ,  $t_0 = 11ns$ ,  $t_{max} = 3.73ms$

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## Signal in Wire Chambers – Energy Argument

### 6.5.1 Pulse Formation and Shape

Contrary to what might be inferred from the brief description of ionization counters in Sect. 6.1, the pulse signal on the electrodes of ionization devices is formed by induction

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due to the movement of the ions and electrons as they drift towards the cathode and anode, rather than by the actual collection of the charges itself. Let us see how this occurs. For the cylindrical proportional counter, the electric field and potential can be written as

$$E(r) = \frac{CV_0}{2\pi\epsilon} \frac{1}{r},$$

$$\varphi(r) = -\frac{CV_0}{2\pi\epsilon} \ln\left(\frac{r}{a}\right), \quad (6.25)$$

where  $r$  is the radial distance from the wire,  $V_0$  the applied voltage,  $\epsilon$  the dielectric constant of the gas, and

$$C = \frac{2\pi\epsilon}{\ln(b/a)} \quad (6.26)$$

is the capacitance per unit length of this configuration.

Suppose that there is now a charge  $q$  located at a distance  $r$  from the central wire. The potential energy of the charge is then

$$W = q\varphi(r). \quad (6.27)$$

If now the charge moves a distance  $dr$ , the change in potential energy is

$$dW = q \frac{d\varphi(r)}{dr} dr. \quad (6.28)$$

For a cylindrical capacitor, however, the electrostatic energy contained in the electric field is  $W = \frac{1}{2} CV_0^2$ , where  $l$  is the length of the cylinder. If the movement of the charges is fast relative to the time that an external power supply can react to changes in the energy of the system, we can consider the system as closed. Energy is then conserved, so that

$$dW = lCV_0 dV = q \frac{d\varphi(r)}{dr} dr. \quad (6.29)$$

Thus there is a voltage change,

$$dV = \frac{q}{lCV_0} \frac{d\varphi(r)}{dr} dr \quad (6.30)$$

induced across the electrodes by the displacement of the charge. Equation (6.30) is a general result, in fact, and can be used for any configuration.

For our cylindrical proportional counter, let us assume that an ionizing event has occurred and that multiplication takes place at a distance  $r'$  from the anode. The total induced voltage from the electrons is then

$$V^- = \frac{-q}{lCV_0} \int_{a+r'}^a \frac{d\varphi}{dr} dr = -\frac{q}{2\pi\epsilon l} \ln\left(\frac{a+r'}{a}\right) \quad (6.31)$$

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while that from the positive ions is

$$V^+ = \frac{q}{lCV_0} \int_{a+r'}^b \frac{d\varphi}{dr} dr = -\frac{q}{2\pi\epsilon l} \ln\frac{b}{a+r'}. \quad (6.32)$$

The sum of the two contributions is then  $V = V^- + V^+ = -q/lC$  and their ratio of the contributions is

$$\frac{V^-}{V^+} = \frac{\ln\frac{a+r'}{a}}{\ln\frac{b}{a+r'}}. \quad (6.33)$$

Since the multiplication region is limited to a distance of a few wire radii, it is easy to see that the contribution of the electrons is small compared to the positive ions. Taking some typical values of  $a = 10 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $b = 10 \text{ mm}$  and  $r' = 1 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $V^-$  turns out to be less than 1% of  $V^+$ . The induced signal, therefore, is almost entirely due to the motion of the positive charges and one can ignore the motion of the electrons<sup>1</sup>.

With this simplification we can now calculate the time development of the pulse. Thus,

$$V(t) = \int_{r(0)}^{r(t)} \frac{dV}{dr} dr = -\frac{q}{2\pi\epsilon l} \ln\frac{r(t)}{a}. \quad (6.34)$$

To find  $r(t)$ , we have the definition (6.19)

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \mu E(r) = \frac{\mu CV_0}{2\pi\epsilon} \frac{1}{r} \quad (6.35)$$

so that

$$r dr = \frac{\mu CV_0}{2\pi\epsilon} dt. \quad (6.36)$$

Since the positive ions all come from the region close to the anode, we can set  $r(0) = a$  for simplicity. Integration then yields

$$r(t) = \left(a^2 + \frac{\mu CV_0}{\pi\epsilon} t\right)^{1/2}. \quad (6.37)$$

<sup>1</sup> The contribution of the electrons can be ignored only if they are all created near the anode. In some high gain gases, such as the magic gas to be discussed later, this is not always the case. Indeed, ultraviolet photons emitted in avalanches near the anode can extend the avalanche radially outward where the process is finally halted by the low field. In such cases the path length of the electrons is long and their contribution to the induced signal becomes significant [6.14].

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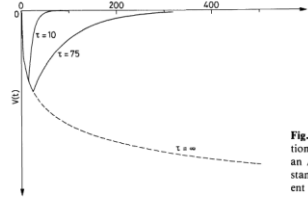


Fig. 6.6 Pulse signal from a cylindrical proportional counter. The pulse is usually cut short by an RC differentiating circuit with a time constant  $\tau$ . The figure shows the effect of two different constants

Substituting into (6.34), we find

$$V(t) = -\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon l} \ln\left(1 + \frac{\mu CV_0}{\pi\epsilon a^2} t\right) = -\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon l} \ln\left(1 + \frac{t}{t_0}\right), \quad (6.38)$$

where  $t_0 = a^2 \pi \epsilon / \mu C V_0$ . For this distance the total drift time  $T$  is

$$T = \frac{t_0}{a^2} (b^2 - a^2). \quad (6.39)$$

This function is graphed in Fig. 6.6 for some typical values. Since it is not necessary to use the entire signal, the pulse is usually differentiated (see Sect. 14.23.2) to shorten its duration. In this manner only the faster rising part of the pulse is exploited. Depending on the time constant of the differentiator, the fall time of the resulting pulse will vary.

- Energy Argument gives correct result only in the case of two electrodes
- Electrons lose energy due to scattering collisions in the gas (= heating of the gas)

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## Signal in Triple-GEM

- Triple Amplification Stage
  - Signal induced in last Gap
- Gaseous Electron Multiplier
  - Ions move to top (shielded)
  - Electrons move down (signal)
- Geom equiv to Parallel-Plate & e- only
  - $v_e$  in drift:  $\sim 50\mu\text{m}/\text{ns}$  (Ar:CO<sub>2</sub>)
  - 3mm drift gap: primary ionization spread over 60ns
  - 1mm induction gap: raising and falling edge  $\sim 20\text{ns}$

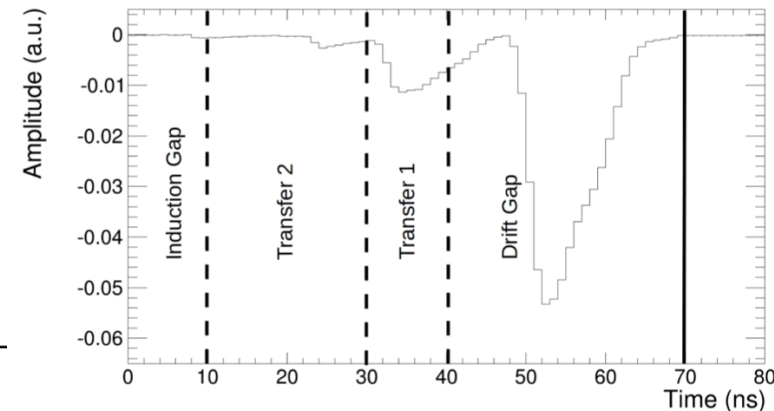
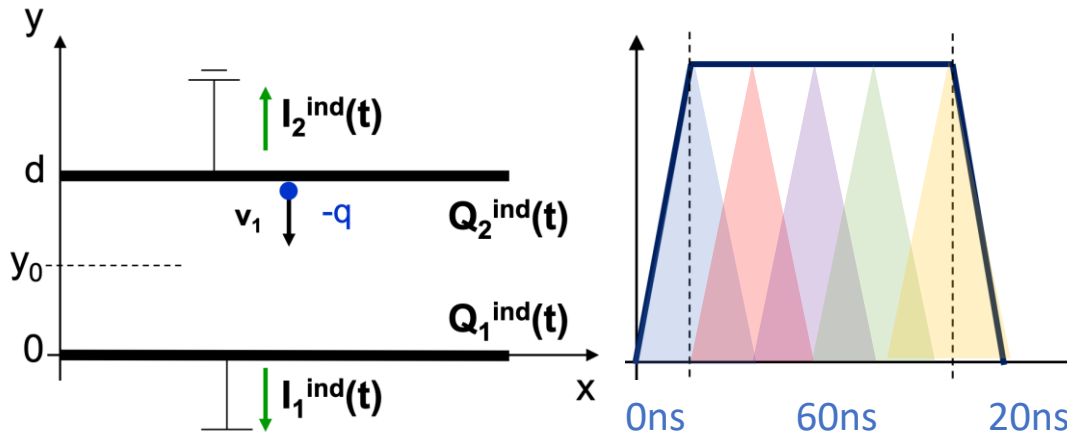
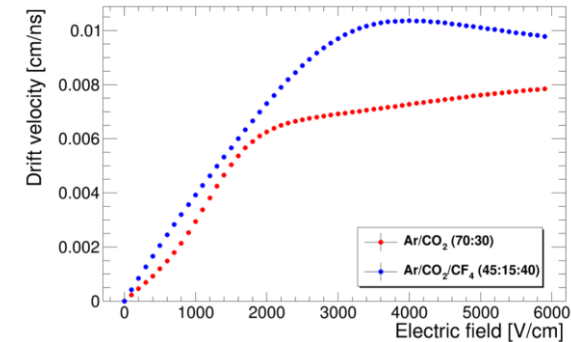
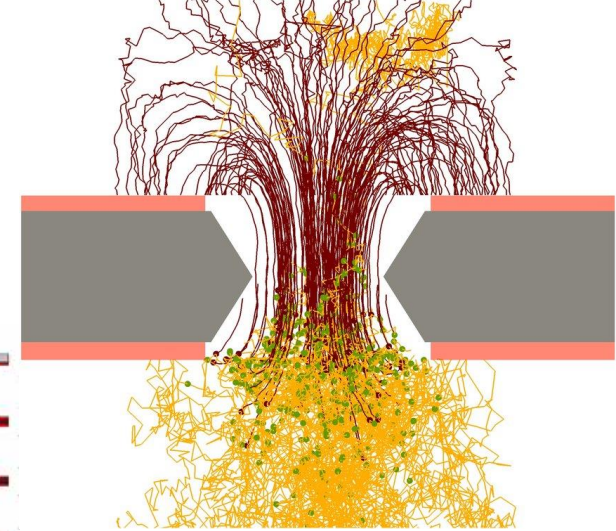
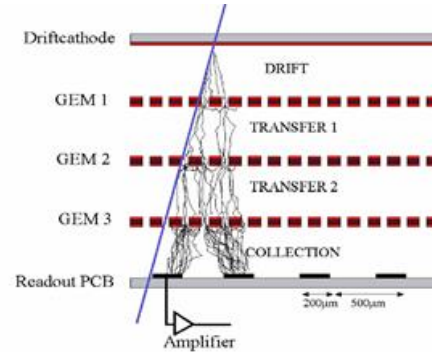


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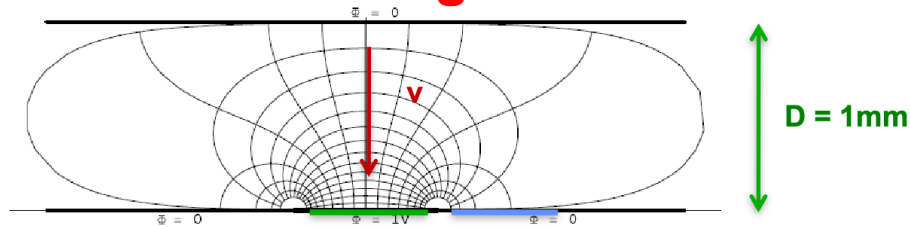
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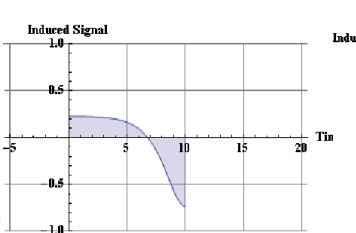
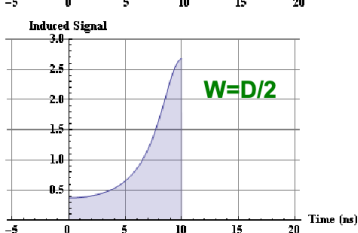
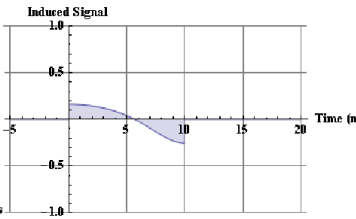
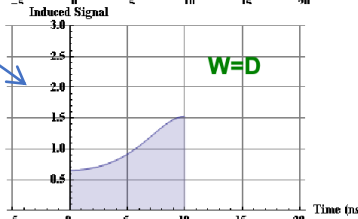
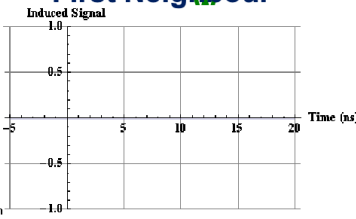
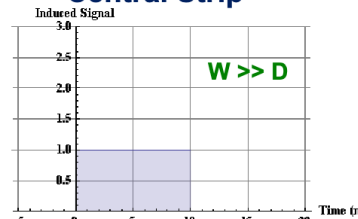
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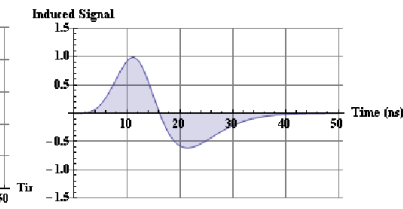
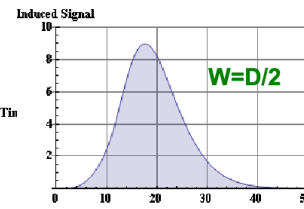
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First Neighbour



Central Strip

First Neighbor

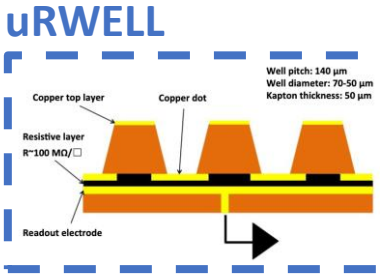


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Signal shape for different Stripwidth

CMS GEMs  
 GE21: 1.2mm  
 GE11: 0.6mm

10x10 Triple-GEMs: 0.4mm



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## Signal in Micromegas / uRWELL

**Micromegas**

3-15mm  
50-100μm, 50kV/cm

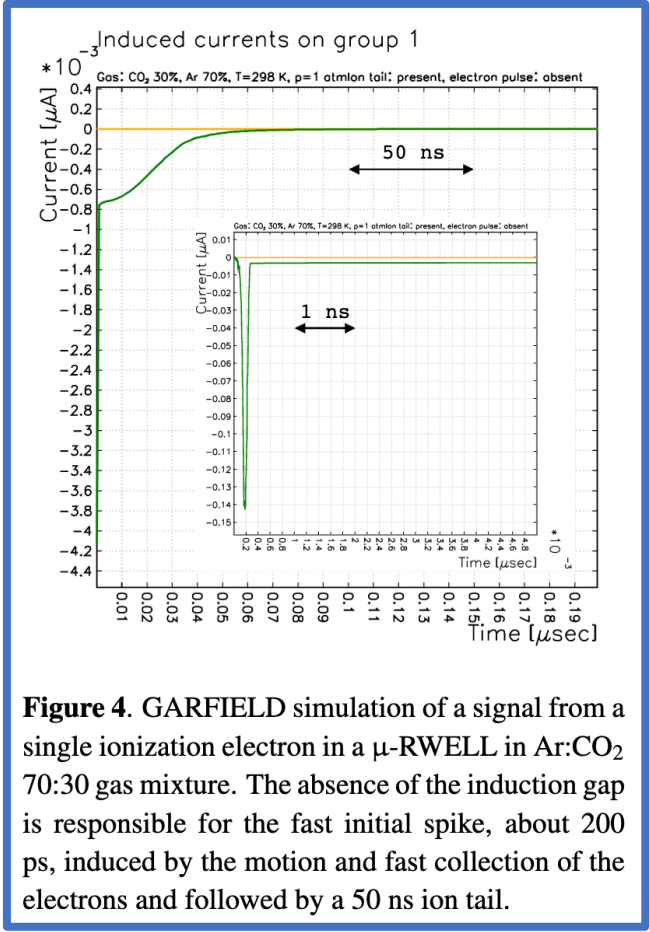
3mm 50μm/ns  
0.1mm 200μm/ns

Electrons movement in the induction gap takes about  $0.1\text{mm}/v_1=0.5\text{ns}$ .

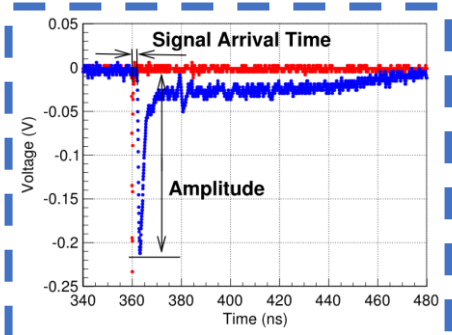
Collecting all electrons from the drift gap takes e.g.  $3\text{mm}/v_1=60\text{ns}$ .

The MICROMEGA electron signal has a length of about 60ns.

Ion movement – e.g. Argon ions take 130ns for 50kV/cm and 100μm gap, so the total length of the ions component is around 180ns.



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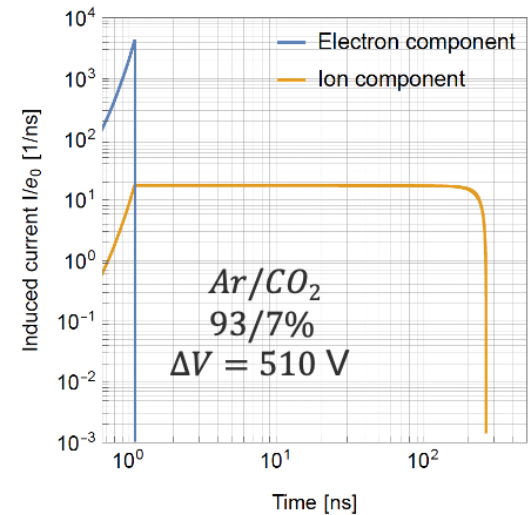
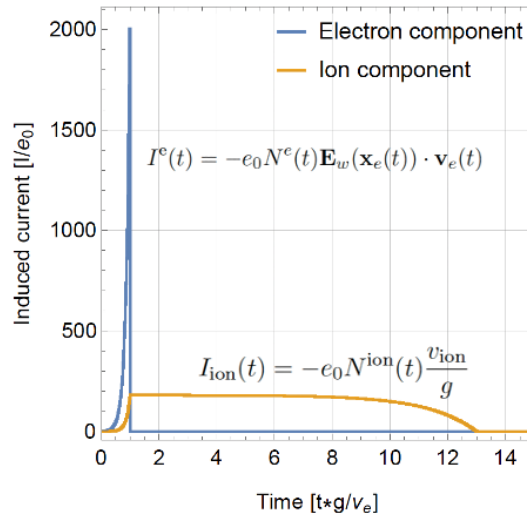
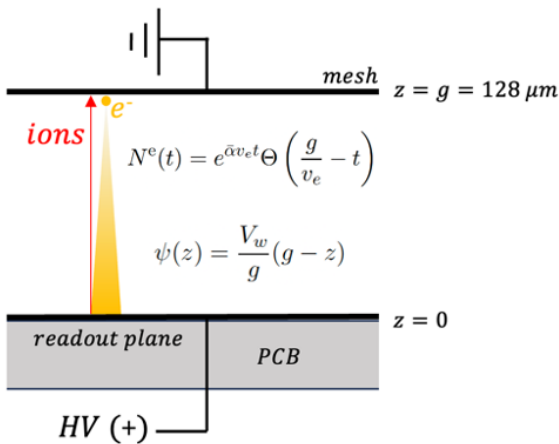
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### Signal in a non-resistive Micromegas

Simulation

Let us consider a Townsend avalanche inside the amplification gap of a Micromegas detector that induces a signal on the anode plane.



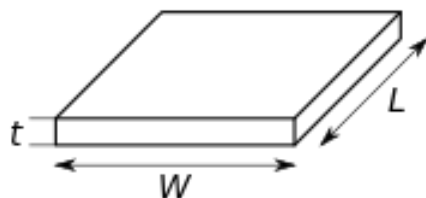
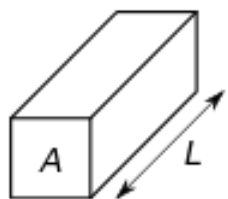


# IX. Signals in Resistive Detectors

- So far we treated only configurations with
  - *Electrodes as perfect (metallic) conductors*
  - *Electrodes at GND (measure  $I^{ind}$ ) or insulated (measure  $V^{ind}$ )*
  - *Non-Electrode detector materials are perfect insulators*
- **Need extension of Ramo-Shockley theorem**
  - *Detector materials with finite conductivity (RPC)*
  - *Detectors with resistive layers (uRWELL, resistive-MM, ...)*

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## Bulk/Volume Resistivity & Surface Resistivity



$R$  = Resistance [ $\Omega$ ]

$\rho$  = (Bulk) Resistivity [ $\Omega \cdot m$ ]

$R_s$  = Sheet resistance [ $\Omega/\square$ ]

$\sigma$  = Conductivity ( $\rho^{-1}$ ) [ $S/m$ ]

$$R = \rho \frac{L}{A} = \rho \frac{L}{Wt}$$

$$R = \frac{\rho}{t} \frac{L}{W} = R_s \frac{L}{W}$$

$$\rho = R_s \cdot t$$

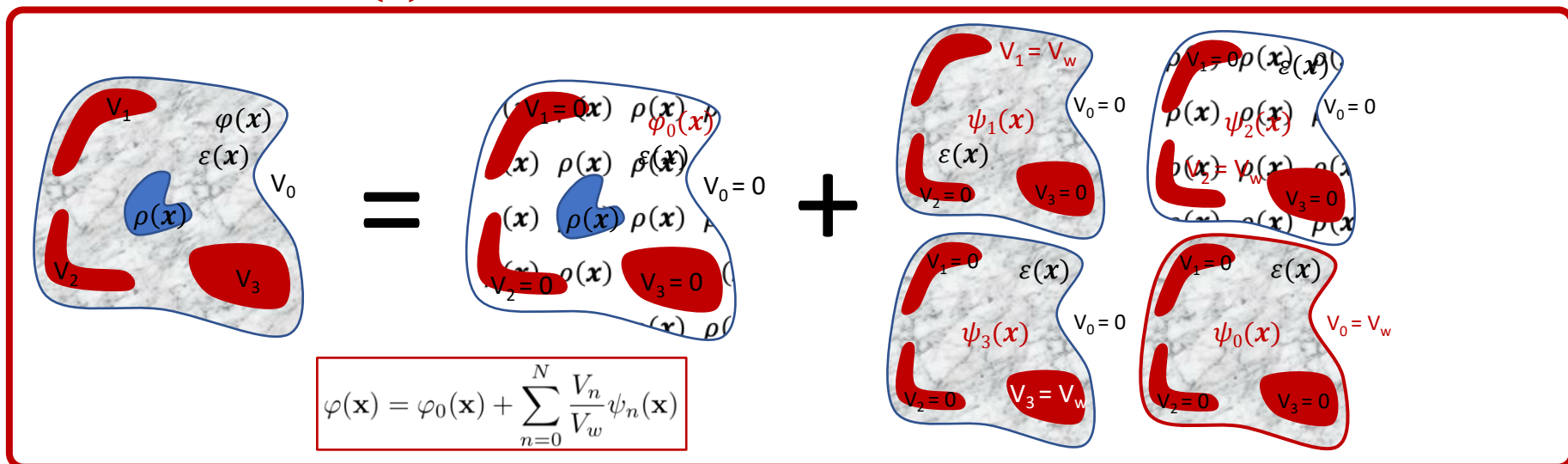
Current density  $\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x})$  related to electric field  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x})$  by:

$$\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = -\sigma(\mathbf{x})\nabla\varphi(\mathbf{x})$$



# IX. Signals in Resistive Detectors

Dielectric medium  $\varepsilon(\mathbf{x})$



$\psi_n$  are the weighting potentials of the electrodes

$E_n = -\nabla\psi_n$  are the weighting fields of the electrodes

$$\nabla[\varepsilon(\mathbf{x})\nabla\varphi_0(\mathbf{x})] = -\rho(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\varphi_0(\mathbf{x})|_n = V_n$$

$$\nabla[\varepsilon(\mathbf{x})\nabla\psi_n(\mathbf{x})] = 0$$

$$\psi_n(\mathbf{x})|_n = V_w\delta_{mn}$$

$$Q_n = \oint \varepsilon(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x})dA$$

$$c_{mn} = \frac{1}{V_w} \oint \varepsilon(\mathbf{x})\nabla\psi_n(\mathbf{x})dA$$

$$\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = \varphi_0(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{V_n}{V_w} \psi_n(\mathbf{x})$$

Ramo-Shockley theorem also holds for dielectric media

# X. Quasi-Static Approximation

- Introduction of resistive material => current density  $j(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sigma(\mathbf{x})E(\mathbf{x}, t)$  (1)

- In addition to this current we have an externally impressed current  $j_e(\mathbf{x}, t)$ 
  - Related to an external charge density  $\rho_e(\mathbf{x}, t)$
  - Total current  $j(\mathbf{x}, t) = \underbrace{\sigma(\mathbf{x})E(\mathbf{x}, t)} + j_e(\mathbf{x}, t)$  (2)

- Assume externally impressed  $j_e(\mathbf{x}, t)$  is changing only slowly in time
  - => neglect Faraday's law and approximate:  $\nabla \times E(\mathbf{x}, t) \approx 0 \Rightarrow E(\mathbf{x}, t) = -\nabla\varphi(\mathbf{x}, t)$  (3)

- We obtain the **Electro Quasi-Static (EQS) approximation**:
  - $\nabla \cdot \varepsilon(\mathbf{x})E(\mathbf{x}, t) = \rho(\mathbf{x}, t)$  (4)

- $\nabla \cdot j(\mathbf{x}, t) + \frac{\partial \rho(\mathbf{x}, t)}{\partial t} = 0$  (5)

- Ampere's Law:  $\nabla \times B(\mathbf{x}, t) = \varepsilon\mu \frac{\partial E(\mathbf{x}, t)}{\partial t} + \mu j(\mathbf{x}, t)$  (6)

- Now taking the divergence of (6) and substituting (2)

- $\nabla \cdot [\nabla \times B(\mathbf{x}, t)] = 0 = \nabla \cdot [\varepsilon(\mathbf{x})\mu \frac{\partial E(\mathbf{x}, t)}{\partial t} + \mu\sigma(\mathbf{x})E(\mathbf{x}, t) + \mu j_e(\mathbf{x}, t)]$
  - $\nabla \cdot \left[ \varepsilon(\mathbf{x})\nabla \frac{\partial \varphi(\mathbf{x}, t)}{\partial t} + \sigma(\mathbf{x})\nabla \varphi(\mathbf{x}, t) \right] = j_e(\mathbf{x}, t) = -\frac{\partial \rho_e(\mathbf{x}, t)}{\partial t}$  (7)

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- To solve the equation: 
$$\nabla \cdot \left[ \varepsilon(\mathbf{x}) \nabla \frac{\partial \varphi(\mathbf{x}, t)}{\partial t} + \sigma(\mathbf{x}) \nabla \varphi(\mathbf{x}, t) \right] = -\frac{\partial \rho_e(\mathbf{x}, t)}{\partial t}$$
- Apply Laplace transform: 
$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = F(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) \exp(-st) dt$$
- We find:
  - $$\nabla \cdot [\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}) \nabla_s \varphi(\mathbf{x}, s) + \sigma(\mathbf{x}) \nabla \varphi(\mathbf{x}, t)] = -s \rho_e(\mathbf{x}, s)$$
- Introduce:
  - $$\varepsilon_{eff}(\mathbf{x}) = \varepsilon(\mathbf{x}) + \sigma(\mathbf{x})/s$$
- We obtain Poisson equation with effective permittivity:
  - $$\nabla \cdot [\varepsilon_{eff}(\mathbf{x}) \nabla \varphi(\mathbf{x}, s)] = \rho_e(\mathbf{x}, s)$$
- Therefore:
  - *We can find the time-dependent solutions for medium with conductivity by solving the “electrostatic” Poisson equation in Laplace Domain*
  - *Knowing the solution for  $\varepsilon(\mathbf{x})$  we substitute  $\varepsilon(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \varepsilon(\mathbf{x}) + \sigma(\mathbf{x})/s$  and we perform the inverse Laplace transformation*

# X. Quasi-Static Approximation

... A simple example ...

- Assume a point charge  $Q$  at  $x = 0$  in a medium with constant permittivity  $\epsilon$

$$\bullet \quad \rho(\mathbf{x}) = Q\delta(\mathbf{x}) \quad \& \quad \varphi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|}$$

- Assume now that this medium has also a constant conductivity  $\sigma$

$$\bullet \quad \rho_e(\mathbf{x}, t) = Q\delta(\mathbf{x})\mathbb{H}(t) \Rightarrow \rho_e(\mathbf{x}, s) = \frac{Q}{s} \delta(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\bullet \quad \varphi(\mathbf{x}, s) = \frac{Q/s}{4\pi(\epsilon + \frac{\sigma}{s})|\mathbf{x}|} = \frac{Q}{(s+1/\tau)} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon|\mathbf{x}|} \quad \tau = \frac{\epsilon}{\sigma} = \epsilon\rho$$

- At  $t = 0$  the potential is equal to the static potential in absence of conductivity, while in the limit for  $t \rightarrow \infty$  the potential = 0

- Time-dependent potential is:

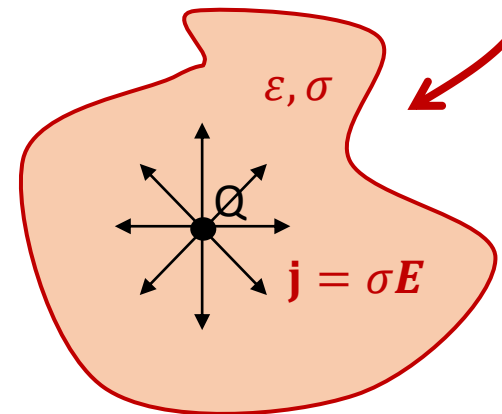
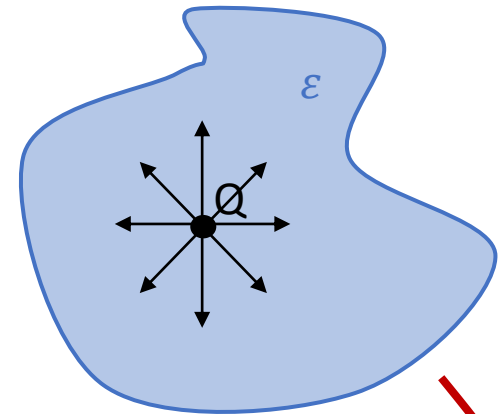
$$\bullet \quad \varphi(\mathbf{x}, s) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\varphi(\mathbf{x}, s)] = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|} \exp(-t/\tau)$$

- Charge density:  $\rho(\mathbf{x}) = Q\delta(\mathbf{x})\exp(-t/\tau)$

- Current density:

$$\bullet \quad j(\mathbf{x}, s) = \sigma E(\mathbf{x}, s) = -\sigma \nabla \varphi(\mathbf{x}, s) = \frac{1}{\tau} \frac{Q}{s+1/\tau}$$

$$\bullet \quad j(r, t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[j(r, s)] = \frac{Q}{\tau} \exp(-t/\tau) \quad (\text{spherical coords})$$

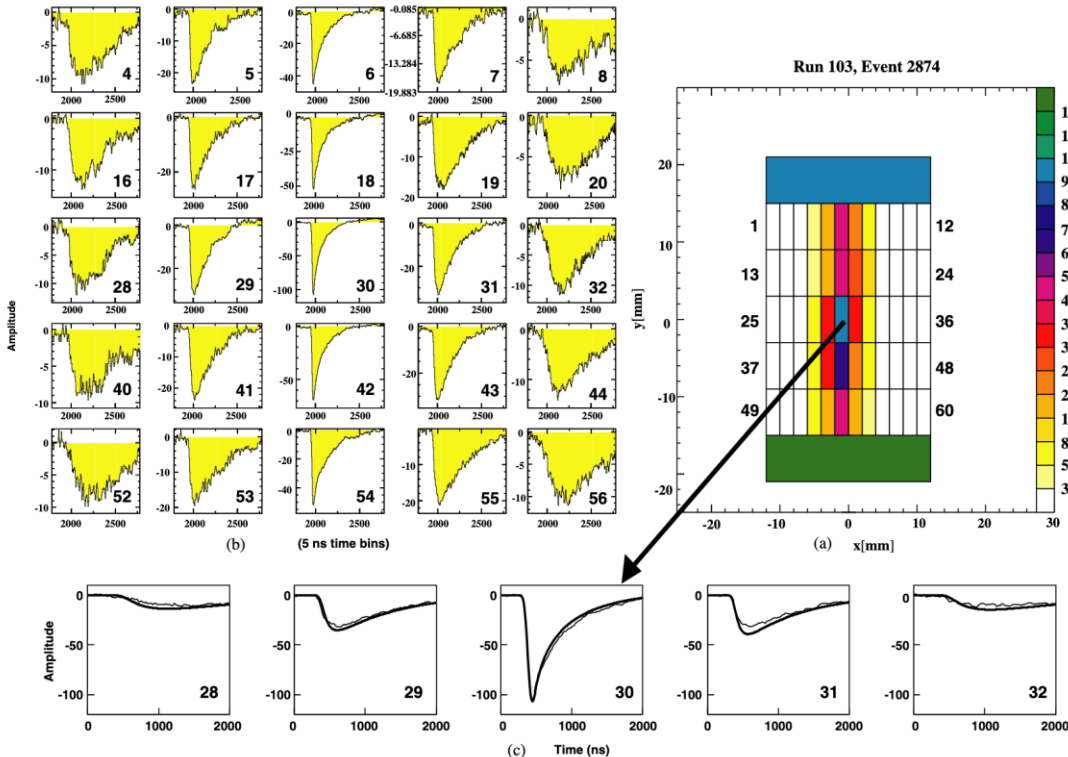


# X. Quasi-Static Approximation

## Charge spreading in resistive layers – Telegraph eqn

- Model Resistive layer as 2D R-C network
  - Solution given by 2D Telegraph equation ( $h = \tau = 1/RC$ )

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = h \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial r} \right] \quad \rho(r, t) = \frac{1}{2th} \exp(-r^2/4th).$$



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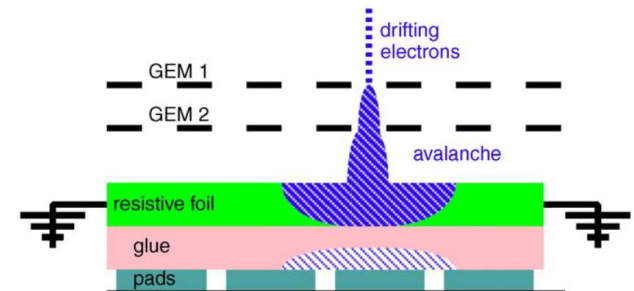
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Simulating the charge dispersion phenomena in Micro Pattern Gas Detectors with a resistive anode

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# X. Quasi-Static & *Beyond* ...

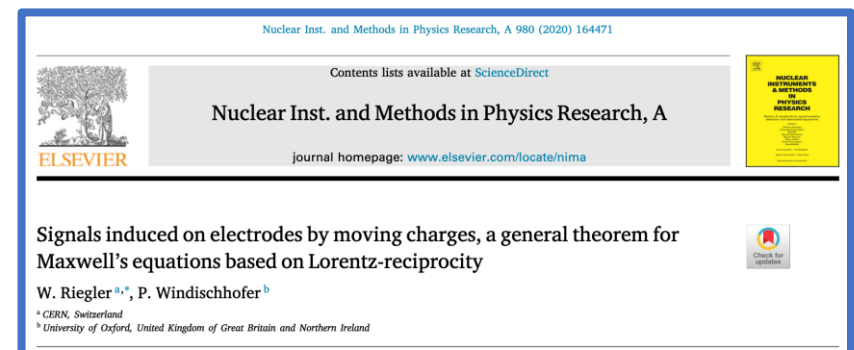
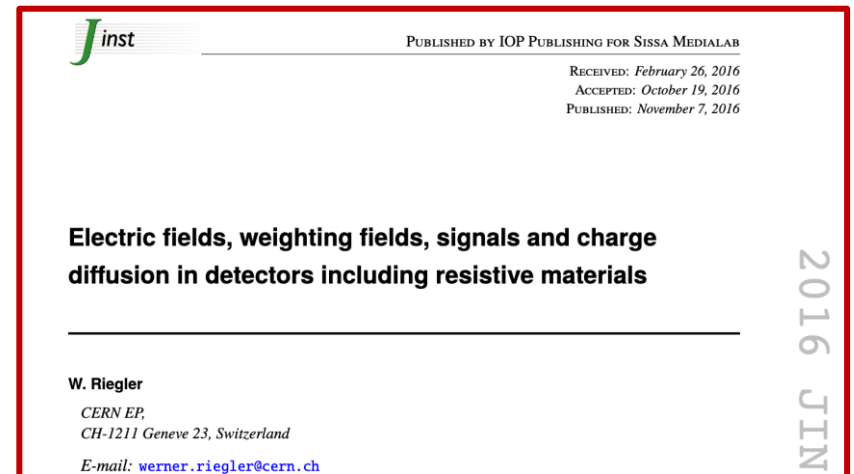
- You made it! – *I will stop now using mathematical formulas*
- With this introduction now you are ready to read this paper 😊

## Reference work for

- Weighting fields for detector geometries with multiple parallel layers
- Charge spreading on thin resistive layers
- Fields and induced signals for RPCs, resistive Micromegas, ...
- How resistive layers affect signal shape and crosstalk

## This work was further extended:

- detectors where finite propagation time of Electromagnetic waves and radiation effects cannot be neglected
- Full extend of Maxwell's equations
- Accounts for all electrodynamic effects
- All devices that detect fields / radiation



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# XI. Beyond: Time dependent $\mathbf{E}_w$

- Most general form of Maxwell's equations
  - 3x3 matrices for freq-dependent  $\epsilon(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$ ,  $\mu(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$ ,  $\rho(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$

$$\mathbf{D} = \hat{\epsilon}\mathbf{E} \quad \mathbf{B} = \hat{\mu}\mathbf{H} \quad \mathbf{J} = \hat{\sigma}\mathbf{E} \quad (1)$$

The source of the fields is an externally impressed current density  $\mathbf{J}^e(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$ . In the Fourier domain, Maxwell's equations then read as

$$\nabla \cdot \hat{\epsilon}\mathbf{E} = \rho \quad \nabla \cdot \hat{\mu}\mathbf{H} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -i\omega\hat{\mu}\mathbf{H} \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}^e + \hat{\sigma}\mathbf{E} + i\omega\hat{\epsilon}\mathbf{E} \quad (3)$$

- Lorentz Reciprocity Theorem:

$$\int_V \bar{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \mathbf{J}^e(\mathbf{x}, \omega) dV = \int_V \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \bar{\mathbf{J}}^e(\mathbf{x}, \omega) dV$$

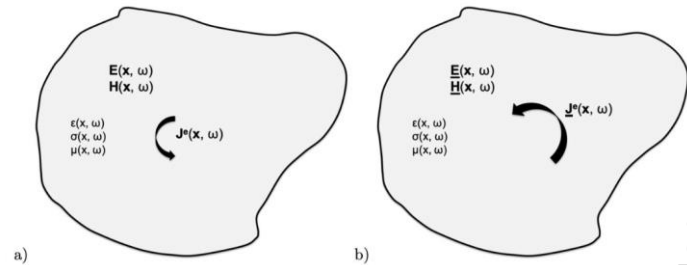


Figure 1: Two different current densities in the same geometry with the same material properties.

- Time-dependent weighting fields:

$$V^{\text{ind}}(t) = \frac{q}{Q_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{E}_w(\mathbf{x}_0(t'), t - t') \dot{\mathbf{x}}_0(t') dt'$$

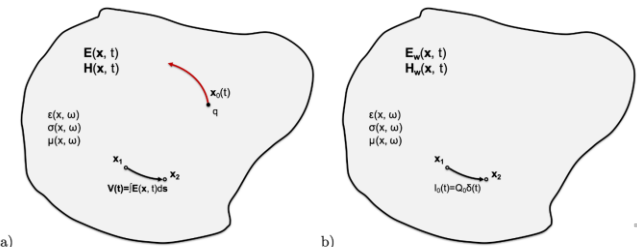


Figure 4: a) A moving point charge is creating an electric field and therefore a 'potential difference' between the points  $\mathbf{x}_1$  to  $\mathbf{x}_2$ . b) A line current  $I_0 = Q_0 \delta(t)$  producing an electric field  $\mathbf{E}_w(\mathbf{x}, t)$ , the so called 'weighting field'.

# XI. Time dependent $E_w$

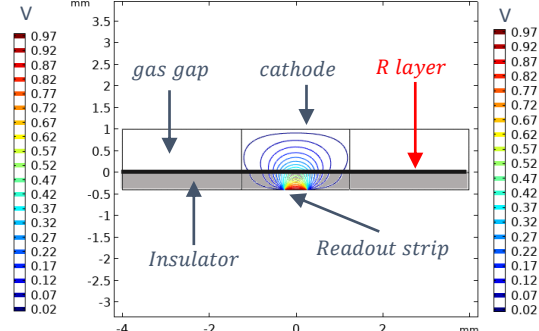
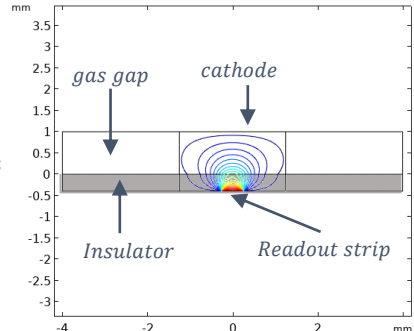
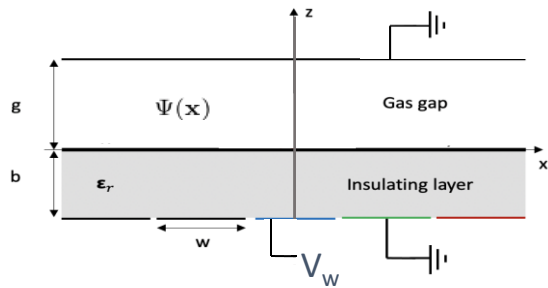
Solution is sum of static + time-dependent  $E_w$

## Static Weighting Field $E_w$

- $I_i(t) = -\frac{q}{V_w} \mathbf{E}_i(\mathbf{x}_q(t)) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}}_q(t)$
- $\mathbf{E}_i(\mathbf{x}) = -\nabla\psi_i(\mathbf{x})$
- The static  $\psi_i(\mathbf{x})$  can be calculated for a grounded electrode using the following steps
  - Remove drifting charges
  - Put electrode at potential  $V_w$
  - Ground all other electrodes

## Time-dependent Weighting $E_w$

- $I_i(t) = -\frac{q}{V_w} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{E}_w(\mathbf{x}_q(t'), t - t') \dot{\mathbf{x}}_q(t') dt'$
- $\mathbf{E}_i(\mathbf{x}, t) = -\nabla \frac{\partial \psi_i(\mathbf{x}, t)}{\partial t}$
- The dynamic  $\psi_i(\mathbf{x}, t)$  can be calculated for a grounded electrode using the following steps
  - Remove drifting charges
  - Put electrode at potential  $V_w$  at time  $t=0$
  - Ground all other electrodes



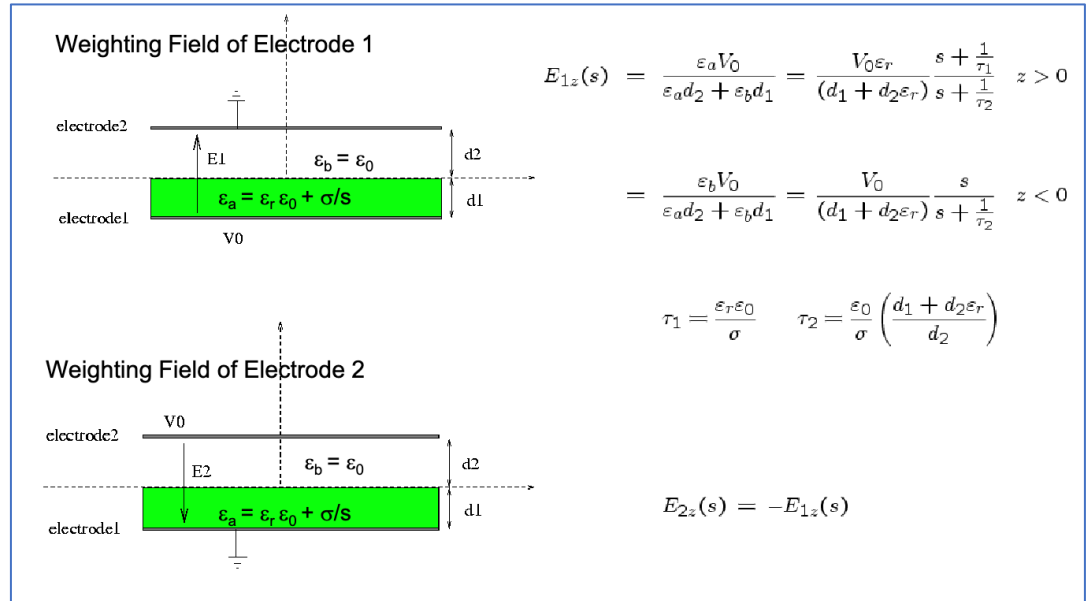
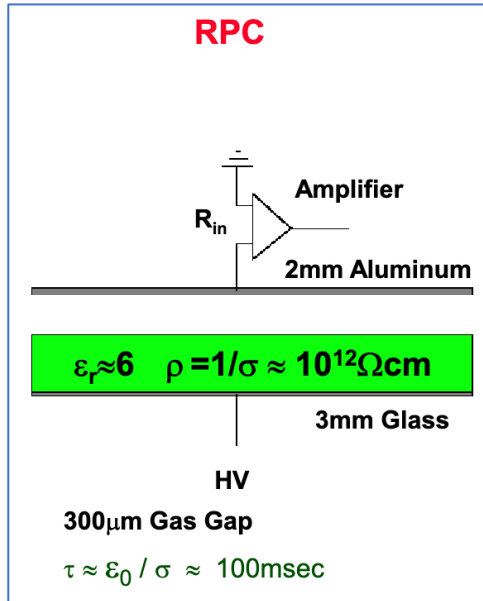


# XI. Beyond: Time dependent $E_w$

- This is cutting-edge of simulation development:  
*=> Simulation of detectors with resistive layers*
- $E_w(t)$  can be used to calculate signals in any detector due to movement of charged particles
- Use of  $E_w(t)$  already implemented in GARFIELD++
  - **Difficulty:** *calculation of time-dependent weighting field  $E_w(t)$* 
    - *Some analytic expressions for specific geometries (e.g. RPC)*
    - *Fieldmaps from COMSOL, TCAD Synopsis, ...*
  - **Progress:**
    - *Based on specific use-cases and dedication of student manpower!*
    - *Implement geometry in COMSOL, calculate fields, perform benchmark*
    - *Work, Present, Document*

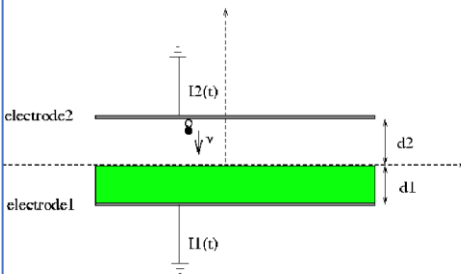
# XII. Examples

## I. Analytic example: RPC (using Quasi-static)



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At  $t=0$  a pair of charges  $q, -q$  is created at  $z=d_2$ .  
 One charge is moving with velocity  $v$  to  $z=0$   
 Until it hits the resistive layer at  $T=d_2/v$ .



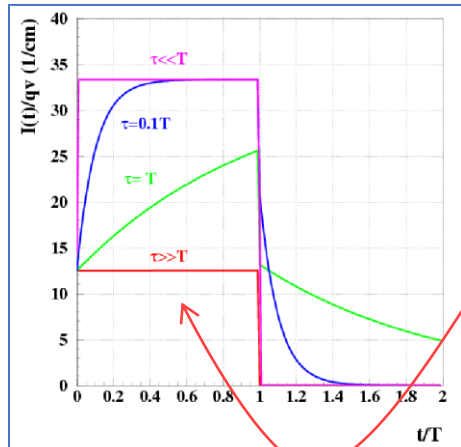
$$x_0(t) = \begin{cases} d_2 - vt & t < T \\ 0 & t > T \end{cases}$$

$$\dot{x}_0(t) = \begin{cases} -v & t < T \\ 0 & t > T \end{cases}$$

$$E_{1z}(\vec{x}, t) = \frac{\epsilon_r V_0}{d_1 + \epsilon_r d_2} \left[ \delta(t) + \frac{\tau_2 - \tau_1}{\tau_1 \tau_2} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_2}} \right] \quad z > 0$$

$$I_1(t) = qv \frac{\epsilon_r}{d_1 + \epsilon_r d_2} \left[ 1 + \frac{d_1}{d_2 \epsilon_r} (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_2}}) \right] \quad t < T$$

$$= qv \frac{1}{d_1 + \epsilon_r d_2} \frac{d_1}{d_2} \left( e^{\frac{T}{\tau_2}} - 1 \right) e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_2}} \quad t > T$$



$T$  = time to travel to resistive electrode  
 $\tau = \epsilon \rho$  = time cte of resistive electrode

**ATLAS/CMS RPC:**  
 $v_d = 140 \mu m/ns$   
 $T = 14 ns$   
 $\tau = 10 ms$

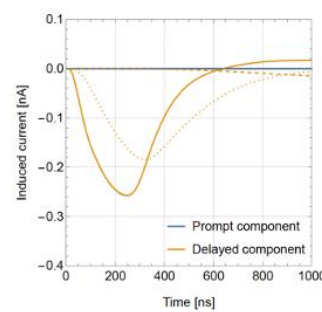
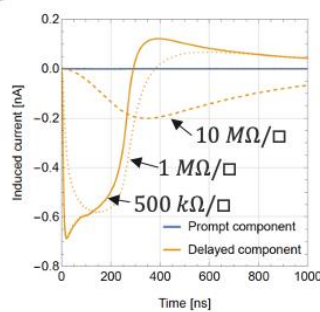
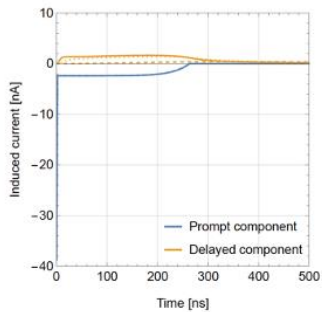
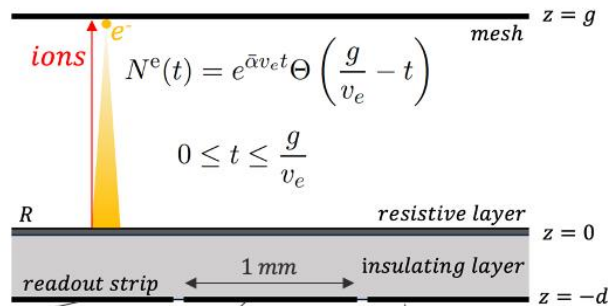
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## I. Simulation: Resistive-MM

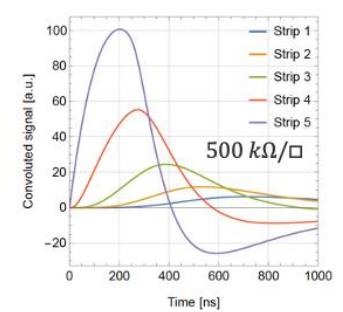
(using t-dependent  $E_w$ )

### Signal 'spreading' over a thin resistive layer

Let's examine a Townsend avalanche occurring within the amplification gap of a Micromegas detector, resulting in a signal being generated on the readout strips.



Unipolar shaper



# Further Reading

*“If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants”*

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